



FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023



- I. June 12, 2023, at 6:02 pm the meeting was called to order; determination of a quorum; approval of the meeting agenda was presented. Motion to approve made by Jackie and 2nd by Karen. Roll call: Mark Swift and Evan Evans were absent.
 - Introduction of the individual from the community who came to the meeting: Kevin Walker. Kevin has applied to join the COD and is here for his first meeting. Brief explanation of the process to apply and be appointed was given by Dave Drezner for the public and commission.
- II. April meeting minutes were reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve and Jason 2nd.
- III. Commission voted unanimously to re-appoint Lisa Clark, David Drezner and Jackie Kanekuni to the commission. Motion made by Karen and 2nd by Michelle Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Slate of officers for next term beginning July 1. 2023 was presented with a motion to approve by Michelle and Karen 2nd Motion passed unanimously. Chair-Dave Drezner; Vice Chair- Lisa Clark; Treasurer- Evan Evans; Recording Secretary Mark Swift.
- V. Planning meeting outcomes- overview of retreat held Saturday June 10th 9 am to 11 am. Discussion related to taking more direct intentional moves by the commission. Focus to bring community together to discuss areas of concern and outcomes.
 - Taking steps to select presenters that may be related to needs within the county. Develop a format for those interested in presenting to complete and follow if selected to present.
 - Intentional set of questions
 - Short/medium/long term outcomes or solutions
 - Who can potentially help solve or who to invite to help address (conveners)?
 - These questions will help determine what the listening session is based on -
 - Develop a survey for all providers in Frederick to complete. Conduct 'listening sessions' related to issues or topics identified. These sessions will be held virtually. Need a committee who will take charge of this area. Any topic must be approved by the County Executive prior to moving forward.
 - The process will move slowly, starting with the selection of the sub committee who will conduct the survey, review results, bring in speakers around identified needs, and formulate the narrative to present to COD to review prior to sending to CE for review.
 - All hands-on deck once a 'listening session' is approved and date set.

Point of clarification by Dave: at the retreat we did discuss and agree to start the process for looking at the issues the deaf community has had and continues to have in nursing homes. Once subcommittee is selected, they can start bringing speakers in to talk about the issues. Can have more than 1 speaker at a meeting.

Michelle asked if we as a commission get a list of the CE priorities for the year. Answer: The web site and in the Livable Frederick and other resources on the web. The point of

clarification was that at the retreat we did look at the nursing home issue and it does align with the Livable Frederick and decided to move forward with this topic.

Dave and Karen made points about “Reset”- being more intentional take what we hear and doing something with it.

Step 1 forming a subcommittee: members were asked who wanted to serve on the subcommittee. Response: Karen Duffy, Jackie Kanekuni, Jason Schriml and Lisa Clark agreed to serve on the subcommittee. Jackie agreed to serve as the chair. She will be in contact with Karen to set up interpreters for the meetings.

- VI. Public Comment: Kevin Walker introduced himself at the beginning of the meeting. He commented that he liked the direction this was going, and these discussions need to be had. Kevin is a lifelong resident of Frederick and on the Board of the Freedom Center. He has an organization ‘Set your wheels in motion” stating the motto of “Your Limit is Your Own.”
- VII. Kathy gave a few examples of what the county has that may be of assistance: legislative people, list of leaders in the community, access to PSA on Channel 19 to publicizing sessions.
 - Jackie pointed out Channel 19 does not have a closed caption feature. Kathy will investigate that.

Karen and Michelle announced new positions in their careers that they have moved into recently or will move into in the next month.

- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm