

Charles County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2018
Charles County Government Center, Safety Officer Conference Room

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Emily Ferren, Chair

- In attendance: Triniece Gillom, Rebecca Quade, Emily Ferren, Pamela Ford, Marchesa Whittington, Paul Rensted, Stephanie Colson

The meeting minutes for January 22, 2018 were approved.

Planning has started for the 4th Annual Employer Breakfast. The date is Tuesday, October 16th and the guest speaker(s) and venue will be confirmed at a later date. Several fundraisers for the Employer Breakfast budget are in the works. Flyers for the events will be sent out when they are ready for distribution. The first one is "Dining to Donate" at Roy Rogers in La Plata, from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28th. Other to follow are Chick-Fil-A with Serenity organizing and Chipotle with Life, Inc. organizing.

Pam Ford brought flyers for Independent Living Awareness Day. It will be held in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. You can register at ILDAY2018.EVENTBRITE.COM

Legislation can be tracked at www.mdod.maryland.gov

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Attendance Policy. It is in the form of a resolution passed by the Charles County Commissioners in 1996. The document will be sent out with the February minutes and March agenda, so everyone has a chance to see it. A recommendation was made that our Bylaws for the Commission also be reviewed.

Nominations for the office of Secretary will be on the March meeting agenda.

Planning is underway for summer events. The first is Artists Without Limits Exhibit. The exhibit runs from July to September. We will have exact dates available for our next meeting. We will also file an application to use the County Government auditorium on Monday, July 16th from 6-8 p.m. to host a reception/awards ceremony.

The Charles County Public Library is thinking about having an awareness event for teens, to put popular music into sign language. They have asked for input on securing interpreting services.

Under agency updates, the following were announced:

The County Government Building is undergoing construction at the main entrance. The temporary entrance is accessible, as will be the completed construction.

DORS (Stephanie Colson and Danielle Lyons) are chairing the 4th Annual Employer Breakfast Committee.

Melwood graciously brought in plants. Melwood graces the National Harbor with plants throughout MGM. The current display is Chinese New Year with 1500 plants.

Tri-County is preparing a website for those working with "Opportunity Youth". Email your suggestions to info@ready4life.-smd.org the website will be Ready4Life-smd.org

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Emily Ferren

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19th, 2018 at 3 p.m. (The regular 3rd Monday is the President's Day Holiday. When a holiday occurs, the meeting is moved to the 4th Monday).

Minutes Approved on March 20, 2018