

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD) Minutes

Monday June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Karen Duffy, who acknowledged that a quorum was not present.

Attendance

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Amy Crehan and Barb Trader.

Also present were Steve McKay, County Council Liaison; Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer for Frederick County; Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, County Staff.

The following members of the public were present: Jennifer Tousey, Evan Evans and Joy Rowe.

Guest Speaker

Joy Rowe from the Frederick County Senior Services Division spoke about the Maryland Access Program (MAP). MAP serves adults 50 years and older, adults 18 years and older with a disability, family members and other caregivers, and health or business professionals. The MAP program evaluates possible eligibility for public benefit programs, responds to both immediate concerns and long-range needs, and identifies public and private benefits that best meet individual needs.

The MAP program also refers individuals to a broad array of services in the community.

Business

a) There was not a quorum so the May minutes could not be approved.

b) Karen Duffy reported that according to Rick Weldon from the Chamber of Commerce, the Commission on Disabilities can submit an application concerning a Business Leadership Network. The next steps would be to get approval from the County to apply, select a COD point person to complete the application, and submit it to the Chamber. If selected, a member of the Chamber's Leaders on Loan program would begin working with the COD on this project.

c) Miles Ward reported that he attended the Town Hall Meeting organized by the Deaf Independent Living Association (DILA) on May 22.

d) Miles Ward reported that a budget in the amount of \$1,200 for FY20 will be available for the COD. The COD needs to elect a Treasurer. Pat Fleet will be the contact person for making purchases on behalf of the COD.

e) The appointment of four new COD members may be confirmed by the County Council when it meets on June 18, 2019. Terms would begin in July.

Announcements

Miles Ward referred to a recent memo to COD members from County Chief Administrative Officer Rick Harcum which announced that the county will now have closed captioning on all of its in house productions that are shown on FCG-TV, which broadcasts many county government meetings live to the public. This will be available as a public access television broadcast to Comcast cable-TV subscribers, and available on the County's website as streaming on demand programming.

The meeting was adjourned.