

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday October 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda which was done by unanimous vote.

- II. Attendance
The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Marsha Flowers, Theresa Posthuma, Darrell Batson, Evan Evans, David Drezner and Lisa Clark, Interpreter Patty Plumber and County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet.
Guest Stuart Harvey, Meghan Jancuk and Shawn Dennison were also in attendance.

- III. Guest speaker: Stuart Harvey spoke about the upcoming election and addressed issues regarding efforts to provide accommodation to people with disabilities in the election process.

IV. Business

- a. David Drezner spoke about speakers for the upcoming meetings. He is working on scheduling them now. A few possibilities for November were someone from the County Library, 211 and Salvation Army regarding food insecurities. Also how are the County and the City being compliant with ADA regarding curb cuts etc.? Someone from Frederick Health Hospital will be explored for November.
- b. A discussion of possible member projects in the months ahead was led by Karen Duffy. Evan Evans brought up how hard it is for people with disabilities to apply for employment. Marsha Flowers asked about data for unemployment for persons with disabilities. She asked if people know where to go for food and other needs. Theresa Posthuma said that a possible future linkage to Workforce Development could create some linkages. Karen Duffy asked Shawn Denison to make contact with David Drezner to introduce him to some individuals that would fit. Marsha asked if anyone had any information

about how many group homes are in the area. Meghan Jancuk said not all group homes have persons with disabilities in residence. Others agreed. Miles Ward is willing to find out if he can find out the number of group homes depending on what the members would like to do with the information. David Drezner said he believes most people with disabilities do not live in group homes.

Marsha Flowers asked if it was possible for someone to come and speak to the students at St. Johns about services for persons with disabilities. Theresa said that St. Johns would need to extend the invitation.

- c. The August and September minutes were approved unanimously with a motion from Theresa Posthuma and a 2nd by Marsha Flowers.

V. The meeting was adjourned.