



Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD)

Minutes – Monday, November 13, 2017 Meeting Location- Winchester Hall

Submitted by Barb Trader

**1 MEETING START – 6:10 PM**

**2 ATTENDANCE (Members & Liaison)**

Name	Title/Position	Present
Nadine Autry	Chairperson	Yes
Penny Jurchak	Vice Chair	Yes
Barb Trader	Secretary	
Amy Crehan	Member	Yes
Denise Rudegear	County Liaison	No

**3. Visitors: Marsha Flowers, John Gretz, Sara Ryan (interpreter)**

**4. Minutes of the October 9 meeting were approved.**

**5. Officer/ Member Reports –**

- Penny – the Mass Care Operational Plan has been drafted, but is not yet public. Penny requested that COD members review and be prepared to discuss in January. Training sessions for police in autism, mental health issues, deaf, etc. have been started.
- Nadine attended the Transportation Commission meeting, and Amy is now also a member. A person from Frederick Memorial Hospital who has a disability background is also now a new member. MD DOT has been considering no longer transporting Medicaid rides to doctors for Medicaid recipients – TSAC has reviewed this proposal and was successful in this decision being reversed. An app has been developed for the county’s bus system, which alerts

consumers when a bus is approaching so they are ready. The county is hoping to allocate new funding in order to add new four buses to increase routes and help people get to work.

- The US DOT just announced a grant application – the Accessible Transport Technology Research Initiative (ATTRI) for a total of \$6.1 MM. Frederick County is considering an application.

**6. Liaison Report –**

- No calls came into the county for the COD.
- There has been no further information from Officer Lee on a call from a prior month – but resources were provided to her by Nadine.

**7. Old business –**

- The COD discussed its booth at the recent Health Fair: there were other booths present which represented good resources to add to Keys to Independence. Marsha asked about deaf people approaching the booth at the Health Fair – no one did. She acknowledged that more work needs to be done to attract the County’s deaf residents to attend. The Freedom Center and COD booths were placed next to each other, viewed as a positive arrangement, and several referrals were made between the two. An individual responsible for diversity training at Frederick Memorial Hospital requested information on COD. Nadine was commended for working ALL DAY at the COD booth! Frederick Memorial Hospital demonstrated the system and monitor used to communicate with deaf people.
- New commissioners: Amy will create a recruitment flyer to go out this month.
- Budget for COD: Nadine will ask Denise for the deadline to submit a proposed budget for 2018.
- Marsha was encouraged to ask Denise about interpreter at closing event held during Kris Kringle parade.
- An event for Transitioning Youth is held at Frederick Community College each spring. There was discussion that the COD should consider a presence at this event. This is a free event – Nadine and Amy will follow-up to find out details. There was also a discussion about having a presence at In the Streets. Nadine will find out cost.
- There was a brief discussion about an invitation from Melwood for the Commission to attend Ability Awards. This discussion was tabled.

**8. The Commission went into closed session to review resumes of candidates.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.