

Hampton Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities Minutes January 20, 2019

Hampton City Hall, 5th Floor, Community Development Conference Room, 3 pm to 5 pm

Members Present: Barbara Stewart, Vice-Chair; LaVerne Johnson, Treasurer; Irene Ferrainolo, Secretary; Evelyn Alston; Kennard Dukes; Debbie Apperson; Pat Brown; Ellen Shackelford; Gwedolyn Burnett **Liaisons Present:** Officer Devin Roane, Hampton Police; Maurice Wilson, Hampton Fire **Guests:** Chris L. Bowen; Jonathan Hogan, Hampton Police; Story Smith

Barbara Stewart, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. A round of self-introductions followed.

Minutes E. Shackelford moved and G. Burnett seconded approval of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report Read by E. Shackelford. It was noted that 1st class postage would rise to 0.55. Marketing mail fee will increase by \$10 to \$235. Options for mailings are Enterprise with on line payment and "Intelligent Mail for Small Business" which includes weigh and measure "how tos." However, we current contract with Versability for that service. No action taken. Fee changes at Old Point Bank, effective Feb 1, 2019, will not affect us. Moved by P. Brown and seconded by I. Ferrainolo to accept Treasurer's Report.

Liaison's Reports

Education The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meets monthly. Dates for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year are Feb 26, March 19, April 23 (Resource Fair), and May 14. Transition Services meets at 5:00 pm monthly at the Patriots Operations Center (formerly Tarrant Elementary). Remaining dates are Feb 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8. Work to establish business partners for training and employment of students is ongoing. Dept. of Education offer training for parents and educators that requires four (4) coordinators.

Police Department Officer Roane had no new business to report.

Fire Department Mr. Wilson explained that with the cold weather comes additional risk of fire due to use of space heaters. Combustibles should be three (3) feet from any space heater. Department is in budget preparation process.

Accessibility E. Shackelford reminded the group to report any lapses or problems regarding accessibility to Hampton 311. Include a photograph if possible.

Awards' Luncheon report out contained in January minutes.

Legislation P. Brown will travel to Richmond on January 29, 2019 with Insight Enterprises to meet with General Assembly members.

Publicity/Public Awareness Hollydays Parade was a success. Decorations included new lights and new bows and garland. There was no precipitations and it was not too cold. Unfortunately, Sharon Griffin could not use the lift because the decoration interfered. Nevertheless, she did ride along.

Transportation P. Brown reported that Jimmy Gray is a new member. Some problems addressed were unannounced route changes and customer left off at wrong destination. HRT Drive: sensitivity training will provided for taxi drivers. Drivers are required to state name and name of passenger and the destination. The February 2019 meeting is the last for Pat Brown.

Old Business

Awards Luncheon Discussion regarding suitability of the venue. The restrooms are not wheel chair accessible and wheel chair navigation over the carpet is difficult. There also was a rodent issue. Some wait staff encouraged members to give feedback to the hotel management. E. Shackelford suggested that the MCFPWD should appoint a group, which she offered to facilitate, to discuss/assess access. No action taken. L. Johnson did write up members concerns and presented it to our event coordinator.

New Business None

Discussion/Announcements

Discussion regarding name tags. All members attending the Awards Luncheon received a new nametag. A new nametag is available for members not attending the Luncheon. Please wear it to meetings. Affordable Print on Pembroke produced them. There was a question as to the meaning of the new logo.

B. Stewart noted that enrollment in Medicaid Expansion is in progress and encouraged those present to spread the word. To date, in Virginia, there are 450,000+ new enrollees.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is February 14, 2019 at the same time and place.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Ferrainolo, Secretary