



# Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) 2020 Annual Report



**Stewart Pittman, County Executive**

**2020 Membership**

**Voting Members**

**January 2020 through July 2020**

Karen Adams-Gilchrist	Pamela Bukowski	Kevin Burke
Richard Cole, Jr.	Katie Collins-Ihrke	Robert Ireland
John Irvin	Sean Jones	Phillip Holloway
NaToya Mitchell	Chelsea Murphy	Anne Myers
Denise Portis	Joan Turek	Andy Wallace

**Voting Members**

**August 2020 through December 2020**

Karen Adams-Gilchrist	Pamela Bukowski	Kevin Burke
Richard Cole, Jr.	Katie Collins-Ihrke	Bernadine Crosby
Robert Ireland	John Irvin	Phillip Holloway
NaToya Mitchell	Chelsea Murphy	Anne Myers
Denise Portis	Maryann Sabo	Joan Turek
Andy Wallace		

**Ex-Officio Agencies/Entities and their Representatives(s)**  
2020 – names missing from all sections except first two.

**January-December**

<b>ADA Coordinator</b> Joelle Ridgeway	<b>Interim Assistant Director of Disability and Community Services</b> Brandi Francis	<b>Board of Education</b>
<b>County Council</b>	<b>City of Annapolis</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>Community and Constituent Services</b>	<b>Department of Aging and Disabilities</b>	<b>Department of Inspections &amp; Permits</b>
<b>Department of Public Works</b>	<b>Department of Recreation and Parks</b>	<b>Department of Social Services</b>
<b>Detention Center</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Health Department</b>

<b>Mental Health Agency</b>	<b>Office of Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>Police Department</b>
<b>Office of Transportation</b>	<b>Department of Social Services</b>	<b>Inspections and Permits</b>
<b>Office of the County Executive</b>		

**Meeting Dates:**

The Commission on Disability Issues met on the second Tuesday of the month from 1-3 PM seven (7) times this year. Six (6) of the scheduled meetings were virtual meetings via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

**2020 Accomplishments**

❖ Held Disability Awareness Day in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities. Recognized Norman Y. Mineta as the event honoree. Thirteen (13) awards were issued and recipients recognized.

**Additional:**

**2021 Goals**

- ❖ Partner with the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County to host the annual Artist Without Limits Art Exhibit.
- ❖ Review, comment, track, and report the status of the bills proposed by Anne Arundel County, State, and Federal legislation that affects people with disabilities
- ❖ Participate in community planning efforts to ensure that planning is inclusive of everyone. Participated in discussions regarding the General Development Plan and Move Anne Arundel.
- ❖ Continue to provide disability awareness training to the Anne Arundel County Police Department and Fire Department, utilizing Zoom/virtual trainings as needed.
- ❖ Partner with the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities to host the annual Disability Awareness Day in October.
- ❖ Continue to promote Commission and disability related events, education, and news via local and online media outlets, community events, and expand social media to media outlets i.e., Twitter and Instagram is expected during the next year.
- ❖ Attend the Anne Arundel Transportation Commission Meetings to represent the interests of people with disabilities.
- ❖ Support the ADA Coordinator with ADA related projects
- ❖ Broaden the advisory role of the Commission on Disability Issues to focus on areas that support the vision of County Executive Pittman to be *The Best Place- For All*.