

**Anne Arundel Commission on Disability Issues**  
**2664 Riva Road, Suite 170, the Independence Conference Room**  
**Annapolis, MD 21401**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2017, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

<b>Commission Members In Attendance</b>	
John Barnes	Andrea Bertrand
Vicki Callahan	Bolling Haxall
John Leopold	Iris Littig
Debra Luzietti-Myers	Barbara McCord
Colleen O’Neill Yanchulis	Ginger Palmer
Andre Pantelides	L. Denise Portis
Geoffrey Riefe	Richard Scordo
Jane Sinclair	Maryann Sabo
<b>Commission Non-Voting Members In Attendance</b>	
Nancy Patterson	
<b>ADA Coordinator’s Office In Attendance</b>	
Joelle Ridgeway	Vickie Martin
<b>Ex-Officios Non-Voting Members In Attendance</b>	
Greg Africa	Kate Callahan
Brandi Francis	Linda Donahue
Lisa Dunaway	Rebecca Hass
Janet Pantaleo	Sara Gannon
Jerry Shandrowsky	Kyle Tibbs
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>	
Audrey Sellers	

**WELCOME**

Debra Luzietti-Myers introduced Bill Franks, Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities and a former member of the House of Delegates. He reported on what the Maryland Department of Disabilities does to support the people in the community. He also reported on Maryland’s Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program. The ABLE program is to encourage and assist individuals and families in saving private funds to support individuals with disabilities to maintain health, independence, and quality of life and to provide secure funding for disability-related expenses that will supplement, NOT supplant benefits provided through other sources.

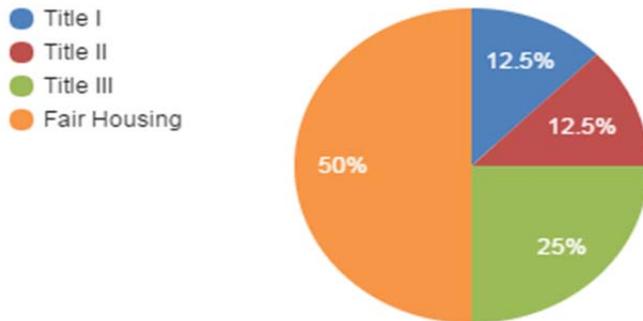
**MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve January minutes with two (2) corrections; The spelling of Bolling Haxall’s name on second page, and remove a note to Vickie on first page.

## **ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The ADA office received eight calls in January.

**Total Complaints by Title**



Joelle reported that Wendy Scarborough is retiring. An executive citation was presented to Wendy Scarborough on behalf of the commission during the ADA liaison training since she was unable to make the Commission meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Annual Report**

Debra Luzetti-Myers reported that the annual report has been submitted to the County Executive and once the report is approved, it will be placed on the Commission's website.

### **Artists without Limits Art Exhibit**

Jane Sinclair passed around a volunteer sheet for the art show and asked Commission members to sign up to help the night of the event.

### **CODI Annual Retreat**

Debra Luzetti-Myers passed around an attendance sheet to get a head count for the retreat. The food is being sponsored by the Department of Aging and Disabilities Nutrition Department. RSVP's are required. During the Retreat, Bob Ireland and Griff Hall will be helping the Commission develop a strategic plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Potential Partnership Discussion**

Debra Luzetti-Myers reported that the executive committee has voted to co-sponsor with the library on their upcoming programs. As a sponsor, the Commission would be listed in the library newsletter, and other marketing materials. It was recommended for the Department of Aging and Disabilities to be a part of the co-partnering. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to co-sponsor with the Library and allow them use of the Commission's name and logo on their marketing materials. A proposal will be sent to Joelle Ridgeway for review and forwarded to Pam Jordan for approval.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Architecture, Accessibility and Housing**

Bolling Haxall reported that during February-March the committee emailed all members of the Commission and asked for volunteers to find violations on the exterior of commercial buildings. This includes parking lots (handicapped parking spaces) and access from the public streets to the building entrance(s). The committee received several volunteers who have provided locations that do not meet ADA requirements. They are trying to set up a list of sites with locations and a brief

description of what the violations are. Photos of the site would be helpful. The committee plans on contacting the property owners to let them know what the requirements are.

The committee has been talking about revitalizing the sticker program where the committee recognizes places that are compliant. The committee will follow-up with further discussions.

It was discussed to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and utilize their services to educate the public on ADA regulations on a broader scale.

### **Education, Recreation, and Community Support**

Denise Portis reported the committee changed their name to Education, Recreation and Community Support.

### **Executive Committee**

The executive committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The committee has been working on the annual report, the art show, and the upcoming retreat. They have also been discussing the process for recommending partnerships between the commission and different organizations.

The April meeting will be a working meeting as a follow-up to the Retreat. The Committee has invited Christina Calp from the Office of Emergency Management to talk about disability planning for emergency situations in May. Between June and November the committee will have at least one more working meeting and will be looking for additional speakers.

### **Legislative Matters**

Ginger Palmer reported that the committee met to review the response they received from the Anne Arundel County Office of Law on the letter the committee wrote to them regarding the County Code 12-3-102 (c)(8). The letter addressed clarification of the County Code and parking violations for illegally parking in designated handicapped spaces in the county and clarification of the County Code.

Committee member, John Leopold proposed a motion that the committee should introduce legislation for a minimum fine of \$50 with a maximum fine of \$500.00. The committee chair will bring the motion to the executive committee to address.

Ginger Palmer reported on several other bills and identified where the commission was on each one. There was discussion on the House Budget Bill, the section on DDA. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to oppose the budget bill section on DDA that pays the caregivers 2%, and recommend that it be reinstated to the 3.5%.

### **Membership**

Iris Littig encouraged everybody to attend all meetings. The County Executive is looking at attendance. She announced the Commission has an obligation to keep records of any absences, so it is important to contact the Commission Chair and her with the reason.

### **Public Relations**

Jane Sinclair reported that John Barnes has agreed to serve as co-chair of the Public Relations Committee. John will bring focus to the Commission's social media accounts working with Brandi to improve and update our social media presence.

The Art Show is in the final stretch, committee members have done a great job pulling together the details. All of the administrative tasks are falling into line with the programs, certificates, invites, and notifications completed. The committee will meet late next week to wrap up final details before the show on 3/27.

\*\*We are waiting for a head count from the RSVP's prior to ordering the food and getting a check issued.

\*\*We need to coordinate efforts to get the check(s) to pay Graul's.

(Rich is working with In Home Stone Store; they are generous donors who have picked up some of the cost for food in the past. We also need to finalize the cost/cost share so that we can get the Commission's check issued.

The Art Show committee will meet late next week to wrap up final details before the show on 3/27. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer on the night of the program or if you have any questions.

### **Public Safety Outreach**

Joelle Ridgeway reported that the committee has solidified the contact for new recruit training. There's a possible lateral police officer training in March. The next fire department training is in May.

### **Transportation**

The committee is putting together a comprehensive transportation sheet of all the public transportation available for people with disabilities.

They are also following up on the status of tokens for the Annapolis transit system. It was reported the City of Annapolis no longer accepts tokens. It was reported that everyone pays the same price, however, if you are handicapped and park at a meter, you get double time.

A question came up about the paratransit that was specifically designed for people who can't ride the regular bus, and were able to use tokens to get half price to ride the paratransit. Since this is no longer available, can a request be made through ADA that this is a hardship? Kyle Tibbs will look into this.

Kyle Tibbs, ADA Coordinator for the City of Annapolis reported on a noncompliant city dock that needs to be extended with a pathway to the end. He also reported a study was done on 400 meters in the city that some of them were not ADA compliant. They are presently working on making them compliant. The city is also installing multi-space meters that will be in compliance.

The City of Annapolis is presently reviewing curb cuts and will also be reviewing the height of the meters.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **Alliance**

No Report

### **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

Rebecca Hass reported on upcoming programs at the library and a partnership with the Commission.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Denise Portis announced that on April 19<sup>th</sup> the Anne Arundel County Community College is holding a program called Disability, Memoir, and Notes. The program begins at 6:00 pm in room K-219.

Audrey Sellers announced that Accessible Resources for Independence is holding a Be Safe program. It's an interactive movie that talks about police interactions with people with disabilities. It will be held in April at the Heritage Complex.

Adjournment