



Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) 2017 Annual Report



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 Joelle Ridgeway, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
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2017 Membership

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Joelle Ridgeway – ADA Coordinator	Linda Donahue, Board of Education	Councilman Chris Trumbauer County Council
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Jerry Shandrowsky Detention Center	Kyle Tibbs, City of Annapolis	Sara Gannon, Constituent Services
Mayor Mike Pantelides City of Annapolis	John Lane, Division Chief Fire Department	

Meeting Dates

The Commission on Disability Issues met on the fourth Tuesday of Month from 1pm- 3pm eleven (11) times this year. The Commission on Disability Issues does not meet in December.

2017 Accomplishments

Events

- ❖ Held the 6th Annual Artists Without Limits Art Exhibit and Opening Night reception and set up a second art exhibit at the Glen Burnie Area Library
- ❖ Facilitated a Commission Strategic Planning Retreat
- ❖ Conducted several training sessions for new Police Academy cadets and lateral transfer police officers on disability issues
- ❖ Conducted several training sessions for Fire Academy Cadets on disability issues.
- ❖ Held the Annual Disability Awareness Day (DAD) where Kate Rollason, the Honoree, was recognized for her forty years of service in the world of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Awards were also presented to area businesses that employ people with disabilities, businesses that are accessible to people with disabilities, and to individuals for their accomplishments and contributions in the field.

Policy

- ❖ Reviewed nine (9) Legislative Bills that impacted the lives of individuals with disabilities, eight of the bills were presented in the Maryland General Assembly (and the corresponding bills if they were cross filed), and one of the bills was presented in the 115th Congress.
- ❖ Sent positional statements to the County Government Relations Office eight (8) of the nine (9) bills
- ❖ On behalf of the Commission, five letters were sent to the entities involved in the passage of the legislative bills reviewed and requested that each take the position recommended by the Commission.
- ❖ Reviewed County Code 12-3-102(c)(8) which addresses fine for parking in a parking space or zone marked for the use of people with disabilities.
 - After a clarification of the County Code by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law and data received from the Police Department on the tickets issued for illegally parking in a parking space or zone marked for the use of disabled persons, the Commission determined that the \$500 fine was appropriate, and that there was no cause for an amendment to the Code to reduce the monetary fine.
- ❖ Completed a revision of the Commission's bylaws and submitted the Commission approved revisions to the County Office of Law
- ❖ Supported the administrations ADA self-evaluation initiative.
- ❖ Developed a comprehensive transportation guide for people with disabilities
- ❖ Assessed accessibility at the Harker St/Forest Dr transit stop. Coordinated w/ the County Department of Public Works to make this transit stop more accessible by addressing the need for curb cuts and a bus slab.
- ❖ Assisted the ADA Coordinator with review of Title II and Title III Complaints

- ❖ Reviewed capital project plans and provided comments as needed
- ❖ Reviewed a proposal made by Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) and provided a recommendation to the County Executive.

2018 Goals

- ❖ Host the seventh (7th) Annual Artist Without Limits Art Exhibit in partnership with the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County
- ❖ Continue collaboration with the City of Annapolis and the Board of Education to address disability issues
- ❖ Review, comment, track, and report the status of the bills proposed by Anne Arundel County, The State of Maryland, and Federal legislation that affects people with disabilities
- ❖ Further develop disability training for Fire Department personnel
- ❖ Explore providing disability training to other public safety institutions such as Annapolis Police Department and County Correctional facilities
- ❖ Continue to work with Anne Arundel County Public Library and Anne Arundel Community College regarding their programs for individuals with disabilities to explore recreational opportunities for college age students and young adults
- ❖ Collect, develop and publish a resource list of recreational opportunities in Anne Arundel County for individuals with disabilities.
- ❖ Host the Annual Disability Awareness Day.
- ❖ Continue to promote Commission and disability related events, education, and news via local and online media outlets, community events, and social media
- ❖ Develop opportunities to educate the entire community on the American's with Disabilities Act and how it impacts them.
- ❖ Integrate the resources from the comprehensive transportation resource guide into the Department of Aging and Disabilities Resource Guide.
- ❖ Attend the Anne Arundel Transportation Commission Meetings to represent the interests of people with disabilities.