

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH/ALLEGHENY COUNTY
TASK FORCE ON DISABILITIES
JANUARY 2009
MINUTES**

Location: First Floor Conference Room
Civic Building, 200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, Pa

Members Present: Paul O’Hanlon, Chairperson, Co-chair, Janet Evans, Liz Healey, Milton Henderson, Sarah Goldstein, James C. Noschese, Jeff Parker, Katherine D. Seelman , John Tague

Members Absent: Aurelia Carter, Linda Dickerson, Rich McGann

Others Present: Kenneth Puckett, Chaz Kellem, Ed Buran, Charles Morrison, Chuck Keenan, Amy Hart, Dianne Gallagher, Matt Pavlosky, Sally Snyder, Milton Henderson., Danielle Lengle, Tamera Siegert, Ruby Wilkosz, Liz Healey, Carol Horowitz, Shari Mamas, Joe Wassermann

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

Introductions:

Everyone introduce themselves

John gave report – County sends paperwork in February. \$1100 available after interpreter and captions.

Kate – Is there a proposal budget

Jeff – Will send out amount with paperwork.

Kate – When will the discussion be on what money we need

Jeff – Anytime

Kate – Can we put on the next agenda

Paul – Should go to Executive Committee

Kate – By law county needs to meet cost of captioning

Jeff – Have enough money for meetings. We don't have any money for projects

Joe – Is funding stable

Jeff – For past 2 years, still waiting to hear from state

Chris – Budget is very basic. Just money for meetings. We need more money for project such as: Airport meeting

Jeff introduced Chas and Tony. Tony did voices of our region. Thought of working through spring. Discussion of plans. ongoing conversation initiating conversation.

Chase – have located all of first film except one. Have approval on activity. MS walks, basketball games of first film participants. Has some dinners with participants.

British services 7 up, 14 up, 21 up, 35 up. First was transitional phase to high school, now transitional to young adulthood. This is not the Chaz show, we need every body's input.

Chris - Called and asked if it was captioned. Never got a response. used link on advertisement.

Chris – will give his contact

Tony – Change in technology.

Dr. Seelman – A great technology. People communicate throughout the world

Chas – 12 people went on an activity. Wide variety of disability. Partner with Jordan to include, voices of our region, PYLN – state wide youth group
SILK – state wide housing group
Tribute to Ruth Breyer and Jane Curose

Tony – First film was spontaneous interview, not sit down interviews. Contact distributor on what is a void in the market.

Jeff – talked to them, excited of a sequel. This is there most popular video. School in Fla wanted 80 copies. Put on server. Want to advertise of this second film and make package.

Kate – Public T.V. are there new forms of distributioin

Tony – Only way to make money is original way

Jeff – First set was sent out for free in Pittsburgh. Then distributors changed fee. Money went to sequel.

Paul – Has a niece in 6th grade in suburban school. Is this going to be shown to the same audience. First film was about young people to young people, this would be a different audience. His parents wondered what is going to become of them. School children not hard to imagine. Parents would be in audience.

Jeff – explain what the difference is

Liz – School teachers in middle and high school do not have vision for students

Kate – This is volume 2. Framework in stages and development of life. In Koren this summer with young people in center

Chaz – focus on transition and include talking to students 8 to 10 times.

Sara – important to show 2 movies together to show change

Chris – yes

Chris – Let me clarify, I support inclusion, only six schools have interpreters, they become isolated, not ready to be in an inclusive setting.

Liz – Future agenda, department of education, not enough interpreters. Some student get 50% of material because of poor interpreters. How long are you going to give them. After 2 years half are not to the level of certification- they say not enough qualified

Paul – When we did the first , we had clear audience and had political agenda. Needs to work up a strategy on how to use it in a political way.

Chaz- Video contest to submit short video on distribution issue. Top 3 will hopefully be recognized and video included

Janet – Do you want people with disabilities

Chaz – Still looking for funding. Capture success and obstacles

Janet – Important to show outcomes in life

Chaz – Paul was at the group showing the success

Janet – They are the role models

Kate – Cost of my equipment is \$7,500 going into real life, real problems

Liz – Amanda died in home fire, but only person in first video with cognitive disability

Chaz- Carla White her cognitive issues. Has a candidate who started working. Very excited

Kate – Talking about adults. Issues we deal with, Housing, transportation, information. Could look at questions will have weakness, look at how to correct weakness. How is mental illness handled

Chaz – Not touched in first one

Chris – Martha Vingard, at one point everyone there can sign.

Jeff – Mental Health is more a high teens/ young adult. How do you include this. People can summit concerns, this can help bridge topics. Ask for right thing and get to right people.

Paul – First film focused on accessible playground, looked into it, not so much focus

Chaz – First one touched a lot of subjects in a very discrete way. Did them in very relaxed and informative manner.

Sara – Could hit on childhood obesity. A million mental health issues that could be hit on.

Kate – Spinal Cord injury, mostly young men, Post traumatic stress issues

Chaz – What do people think about format. Does the format of first film work to capture topics. Nothing was scripted. Participants just did what they did

Tony – Also everyone did journal

Judy suggested hidden disabilities and got it in voice over. Some format should work. Show people working at Giant Eagle.

Kate – Student uses dog. Personal student completing masters. Ten years ago would have been in nursing home.

Janet agrees – no script

Liz – two great videos including Samuel Keith Jones. Network put together a video, has script on barriers. Both nice visuals.

Jeff – Film group getting back together, February. Lots of talk of relationships and jobs

Chaz – Next generation of young people to replace those leaders. Last generation did a lot. Still obstacles to overcome. Don't know if they are ready.

Liz – We think of them a lot

Tony – Getting into technology, how that we did not have working order. Past 3-5 minutes clip. Tie it to voices of our region.

Jeff – Will list what people talked about to circulate

Paul – Get Chaz to a meeting with Chris to discuss issues to bring town alive

Kate – quest lectures, can bring cameras into classes

Paul – Experience on how to work the video images from first film

DISCUSSION

Liz- Governor's commission on children and families. Cabinet and commission. Role for staff, where do we need political coverage.

Paul – some activities, want to add to political agenda. Some activities we want to add a person. If we see things on his agenda that we want to weigh in, we will discuss how.

MEETING FOR DEAF- AIRPORT AND CONVENTION CENTER

Paul – we identified issues. Discussion of setting up meeting. Looking for a way to cover expenses. Talk to county to get money. Also deaf and hard of hearing behavioral task force could host those discussions.

Chris – I could not answer that

Paul – Looking into that, hopefully more soon
Not this Saturday

Paul – It will be postponed\

STAFF

Public work association for county

Janet moved, Kate seconded

