

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH/ALLEGHENY COUNTY
TASK FORCE ON DISABILITIES**

**Bi-Monthly Meeting
December 8, 1998**

MINUTES

Location: United Cerebral Palsy
4638 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Members Present: Judith Barricella, Chairperson, Ruth Walter Brenyo, William Coleman, Al Condeluci, Richard McGann, Paul O’Hanlon

Members Absent: Linda Dickerson

Others Present: Marshall Gordon, Consultant, Theresa Lomperski, Staff, Joyce Redmerski, Fiscal Advisor

Meeting was called to order. Member introductions were made.

Theresa Lomperski, City of Pittsburgh, ADA Coordinator was introduced. Theresa made a brief presentation of her background, answered questions, and distributed her resume. (Theresa to send resume to Linda Dickerson).

It was indicated that Teekie Smith, Assistant County Manager receive copies of the minutes. Theresa to follow-up.

The budget and two grant programs were discussed. Joyce will invoice \$3,000.00 to the HSDF grant. Other billings will be determined at a later date as the Agenda 2000 program evolves and as new projects are initiated. Paul will talk with the DD Council to investigate a no cost extension on the DD Council grant. An HSDF fiscal monitor is requesting an audit. Al will be the contact for audit staff. It is anticipated that the audit will be performed before the next meeting to allow for member assistance.

Task Force future activities were discussed. They include:

1. Informational program with WQED on community and lifestyles.
2. Follow-up to Housing Conference.
3. Sequel to Small Differences.
4. Follow-up on the Hospitality Conference.
5. Public forum with URA publicizing funding.
6. Public forum with CAT regarding convenience fares.
7. “Happy Project”—bring public house stockholders together with advocates, people with disabilities, people running the agencies, and public policy makers together to develop strategies for accessible AND affordable housing. The PA Housing Finance Agency, Action Housing, and the Allegheny Department of Human Housing were noted as potential resources.

8. Minority outreach—The Urban League was noted as a potential resource.

Marshall Gordon recommended that a consultant be retained to assist the Task Force on meeting planning efforts. Discussion followed involving Judy Barricella's professional expertise in this area and her ability to perform these types of duties in addition to that of Chairperson. Concerns related to conflict of interest were raised. Joyce will discuss this issue with the HSDF fiscal monitor.

Marshall Gordon reported on Agenda 2000 and distributed materials.

There was a discussion of Rich's letter concerning the needs of people with disabilities in medical facilities and their services. It was determined that this issue will be included in planning efforts for the coming year.

There was a discussion of the letter to Thomas McChesney, Grubb and Ellis, regarding accessible restroom facilities in the old Alcoa Building. It was determined that the letter will be redrafted and sent under Judy's signature. Eileen Stewart's name and number will be changed to Theresa Lomperski's name and number. This will allow Theresa an opportunity to work with private business owners in the City.

William Coleman asked Theresa to look into a second parking space outside the old Alcoa Building on William Penn Way. Two were provided at one time; one now exists. Theresa to follow-up.

The next Task Force meeting will be held in January, 1999, at UCP. The date and time will be determined soon.

A reception to "Meet Theresa" will be planned for early next year. It is anticipated that such a reception will follow the January Task Force meeting. Information regarding this event will be forwarded as soon as it is available. Al will begin to put together a list of invitees.

The meeting officially adjourned.

Below is a meeting schedule for the year, 1999.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January (to be determined)	(to be determined)	UCP
March 12	9:30 am – 11:30 am	UCP
May 14	9:30 am – 11:30 am	UCP
July 9	9:30 am – 11:30 am	UCP
September 10	9:30 am – 11:30 am	UCP
November 12	9:30 am – 11:30 am	UCP

These minutes have been produced to the best of the author's ability. Please contact Theresa Lomperski, 255-2988, theresa.lomperski@city.pittsburgh.pa.us as soon as possible with amendments.