

Task Force Minutes  
Monday September 21, 2009  
1:00pm-3:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Introductions

Financial Report-No report-John asked for meeting with Executive Committee. Under it is funding for the HSDF in the State building for wants direction. Outstanding bills for July.

A Motion by Sara. Seconded by Janet

Rich- What is HSDF?

John- Human Services Development Fund

Paul- Set up meeting.

Chris- Are there any minutes?

-I explained-

Chris Theresa Nellans has a problem with Comcast Digital. People who are hard of hearing have CapTel. They need some Digital entertainment.

Kate- We need to support Chris and Rich with working on World Health Organization Accessibilities. Problems on the local level are important. Want them to come to give overviews. It's more difficult because it is holdups set a handle on it.

John- Should have been at council meeting...there was more to this Chris?

Chris- Yes

John- Put pressure on them..

-Me-

Rich- Don't forget people who have speech disabilities. There was a problem with people not having patience with people who are deaf/blind.

Chris- Second problem is unfair pricing that we don't have to pay. T.V. Programs are not captioned. I can't use it so they should be pricing for each channel.

Kate- Get a list of possible issues, list of services, video descriptions, legislation. The legislation is very sensitive. Proliferating issues.

Rich- I suggest we bring the representative from FCC.

Paul- Risk the state of elimination of broader agenda. Cut some of the issues ahead of time. Table for now.

Kate-Being involved has a whole life of stating at Galle let. We need to create a relationship with those people.

Rich-One of the problems is Robocall. It calls all the time.

Paul- Try to nail down a meeting. Kate, can you start the initial train?

## Accommodations for People with Disabilities at the Airport and Convention Center

Paul- The issue is how we precede good meeting. Come up with some strategies. Issues are similar yet different. Different activities and needs. Connections creates is a good place to start. “ AC jail laws are taken to Public Accommodations law” ????

I talked about my conversation with Anthony

Rich – If they are preparing the schedules and events and advertising, How can we contact them. List of practical issues. If there is an adjustment, often not a number.

Theresa- It was not a consult, Delores H set it up by information and fliers. Program planners did it. Called client at Mellon Arena, would not provide opportunity, provided assisted listening, interpreters, front row seating.

Paul- Was the policy of the presentation at Convention Center

Theresa – Ruling of Motivation Seminar

Rich – Point to public accommodations, you need to provide the accommodation that works best.

Rich – I agree but there is a problem, who owns the Convention Center, we need to invite them.

Dianne – Diabetic Expo did not hire interpreters, called and asked. The person she spoke with did not know they were to do that. The consultant did not talk to them.

Paul – Next Step Alternatives and to have discussion with SEA as consultant or have them come here. Should we set up a committee?

Sarah – Are you going to ask that any event they hold be made accessible?

Paul – 2 or 3 activities of event speakers give a talk and type of event. We identified a range of technology issues. Minimum accessible features for all events. Most people just show up. If people with disabilities just show up, what are the minimal features? Technology is rapidly changing.

Sara – Convention Center the only venue

Ken – Who is responsible for providing accommodations? In a public place they have a responsibility in their building. The building itself should know what is happening. They could have assisted listening devices or interpreters.

Chris- I often plan with other staff and call and request an interpreter. They need to add that line on their advertising.

Ruth- Definitely, you're correct the convention is not the only place. New stadiums, ballparks, we need to know the best way. Need Braille as well.

Paul- What do we need to do to move this forward?

Sarah – I don't want someone to feel we are pointing fingers. Don't make it sound like we are picking on them.

Paul – Convention Center and airport were our discussion. There is a tendency to drift. Convention Center is step 1

Kate – Let's do the one that works best for us. If we find a model that works, we might generalize it. I would not mind having them send us their policies.

Milton – Find out who the appropriate person and send them a letter.

Paul – Just invite them here

Kate – we want agencies to know we exist. What are your policies?

Paul – Phone people and see if they want to come to task force or a smaller meeting.

Staff

Casey introduced herself

Valarie introduced herself – intern

Last spring Braille endorsers sent out letters, Wheelchair transport van, walking into health Coalition- Registered to apply for Federal grants.

Talked about Web Page

Kate – Wetness and training. TIRR ADA,

John – Issues can be brought to me. Being at the table is an issue  
Accessibility of forks.

Highland Park

Janet – Went to Vietnam Shelter, ramp to steep. Bathrooms are accessible, kitchen oven is big, had a request from CCAC special services. Ramp and water fountain

Rich- We should have representation from Casino.

Janet- Checked the Casino, on interpreters, checked August Wilson Center. It is completely accessible. 980 Liberty Ave. was there for four hours. Two accessible stalls. Sinks are accessible. Amphatator went from 1<sup>st</sup> floor to stage. Elevator to 2<sup>nd</sup> level goes

in through sliding door to left be gift shop, which is accessible. By cultural room. Little ramps to get on carousel on both sides.

Chris – Thank you for bringing up the issues of wheelchairs. At casinos, wheelchair accessible looked fine, could not open the door. Manager said there is a button but it isn't working.

Janet – There is a drop off place for people in wheelchairs. Those doors slide.

Paul- A couple of meetings ago there was a discussion on County Council bill to register group homes. Sponsored by Byres and Motor. He said he would come if the bills moving forward. Would like to come to the October meeting. Request that Council member Burn meet with a few members to find out what he want to do. Raises concern about Fair Housing issues. Sets fees and requirements for only group homes of people with disabilities.

Chris- We should ask Chuck Keenan about the bill.

Paul – It is important to know from every body at that task force meeting. Can address who will meet in advance. Dept of Human Services feel this is not necessary.

Sarah – Did he say why he wants to do.

Paul- Public Safety- No clue what the issue is. Some where in Swissvale. Problem there are up. which were rented by drug and alcohol

Vox Pop

Kate - For G-20 a brochure was developed, task force included other organizations, Center for women with disabilities, center for hearing and deaf services. About 1000 for G20

Janet will be receiving an award from TRCIL Living well with Disabilities.

Distributed Guidelines.

9 support services

Richard give Janet the minutes, She will help type the minutes. Think we should have secretary.

Janet will email file

Paul – Look at process of the bylaws

John – These are operating procedures not bylaws

Chris - The right word at the top of guidelines. It should be bylaws

Paul- Not by laws, we do not have bylaws. We have guidelines that work like bylaws

Jeff – Should follow Robert

Rich Before in Chuck's time we talked about bylaws

Joe – Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, could Triangle Council of Blind will be doing a vision\

Expo 9:00 – 3:00\

Is this going to have opportunities for the deaf and blind?

Joe- Do not knows how to get an interpreter. Call 412-343-9900

Theresa – AMC Theaters have bought equipment for movies

Hearing

Janet moved to adjourn, Kate seconded meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm