

Date: Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 via Zoom

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Meeting Called to Order: 4:01 pm

In Attendance

Commissioners	Attendance
Raymond Smith - Chair	Absent
E. Anthony Langbehn - Co-Chair	Present
Veronica Davila-Steele	Absent
Tiffany Harkless	Present
Toni Paster-DuPree	Absent
Rev. Raymond Raysor	Present
Marja L. Reed	Present
Rev. Gloria Swieringa	Present
Andrea Toney-Thomas, Esq.	Present
Amber Woods	Present
Staff/Guest	Attendance
Karen Sylvester (DFS-A&DD)	Present
Theresa Grant (DFS-A&DD)	Present
Lydia Williams (DFS-A&DD)	Present
Dameshia D'Ateno (DFS-A&DD)	Present
Elana Butler (DFS-A&DD)	Present

Approval of November 2020 Minutes

- Minutes from previous month meeting accepted & approved.

Old Business

Draft of Commission' Annual Report for Public Access

- Commissioner Amber Woods recommended a meeting with board members to prepare the Annual Report. Commissioner Amber Woods volunteered to assist as well as Commissioner Co-Chair Tony Langbehn and Commissioner Marja Reed.
- Staff Liaison, Lydia Williams will send a draft outline for annual report to work team. Staff, Karen Sylvester offered to provide information for the annual report.

Update on Request of Commission to meet with County Executive

- Commissioner Amber Woods recommended the Commission Board arrange a meeting with the Department of Human Resources to understand the structure on how to prepare for County Executive Meeting. Need to develop S.M.A.R.T Goals to make recommendations and address concerns in disability community.
- Staff, Theresa Grant provided additional information in preparing for meeting. Discuss the gaps in the disability community, provide strategies on how to fill those gaps, be open to new and effective ideas/suggestions.
- Guest-Elliott Reed from MD Delegate Darryl Barnes' Office shared resource information for disability community (Grab n' Go Meals in Suitland, Capitol Heights and Forestville). Advise to contact MD Delegate Barnes' office for assistance for the disability community.

Police Reform Work Group Report Update

- Staff Liaison, Lydia Williams forwarded a link to board members to view the Police Reform Work Group report. Commissioner Tiffany Harkless made a motion to make a statement about the report. Motion was accepted. Commission Board agreed to create & submit a statement on behalf of the Disability Community based on the report to the County Executive. Commissioner Amber Woods also shared she recently attended a training and would provide suggestions & recommendations to assist in the Board's Statement.

New Business

Committees' Update

- **Public Services Committee** : Commissioner Amber Woods spoke on behalf of the committee and shared that committee members would be examining various public services agencies throughout the county on their services/resources for the disability community.
- **Accessibility Committee**: No report given at this time.
- **Legislative Committee** : No report given at this time. Need board members to join.

Commission Training Requests

- Staff Liaison, Lydia Williams shared that she is currently working to have a representative from the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center to be a speaker for an upcoming board meeting.

Transportation

- Discussion took place about the various issues affecting people with disabilities and having access to transportation. Some examples mentioned: Floating Bus Stops, Taxicab/Limo Service, Safety Cities, Contact/Engage with the Department of Public Works & Transportation & discuss gaps in services. Accessibility/Public Service committees examine areas of concern/provide recommendations.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Rev. Gloria Swieringa : Silver Cab providing discount services for anyone who uses a SMART phone and needs services.

Commissioner Rev. Raymond Raysor : Legislative House Bill 234 (Guide Dog Protection Bill) will be introduced on January 28th, 2021 @ 1:30p.m. Community members will be able to testify. r.

Next Meeting **February 17th, 2021** - 4p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom and Conference Call-in.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:55 p.m.