



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGENDA – September 10, 2019 6:00 PM
REVERE CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members: -

Item#1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2019

Item #2: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) - Monthly Conference call Meetings on Wednesday September 4, 2019. This call was in regards to a follow up from last month's call about the State funded Alliance Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) through local Housing Authorities. As a reminder this voucher program benefits disabled residents 60 or younger through local Housing Agencies. It was discussed how some communities such as Cambridge will no longer be participating in issuing them and filling out application for the program once the existing residents are no longer on it. What this will also mean is that the vouchers that have been assigned to any of those communities will be reallocated to other cities and towns. Revere Housing is not one of the communities that will stop participating in this voucher program from what was mentioned.

On the call it was also mentioned about legislation that members would like help to see put on next year's ballot regarding electric shock therapy especially for disabled individuals. It was mentioned that there is only one facility in Massachusetts that still practices. There is going to be an initiative and signature drive campaign to try and get enough signatures so that it can be a ballot question in the 2020 election. There are people on both sides of this issue and the disabled advocates feel that does extraordinary harm to individuals and should not continue regardless if there is consent.

Item #3: Scheduled September Events -

SEPAC Events:

SEPAC will host a back to school Ice Cream social at Garfield Community School on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30.

Item #4: Old Business –

Item #5: Late Items - (Will be discussed if any arise after posting of Monthly Agenda)

Item #6: Open Forum Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback:

Item #7: Next Steps -

Item #8: Reminder - The Commission on Disabilities has office hours on Fridays from 8:15-12:15 in the Veterans Services Office in the rear of the Legion Building at 249R Broadway which is next door to City Hall. You can call for an appointment if you would like but do not need one. You will be able to talk to someone from our 311 Constituent Service Center on other days when you call our office at 781-286-8267 They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our office they can transfer you to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as they can. Also please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to come and speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn: Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM.