



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes – November 8, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

Please click the link below to join the webinar

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: Present- Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Al Fouda, Mario Grimanis, Jason Barrone, Robert Brown, Sofia Marmouda (student Liaison)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2022 : Made by Asmaa Seconded by Pauline

Item #2: Lauren Buck Chief of Revere Health and Human Services Guest Speaker.

- **Lauren Buck discussed the collaboration across departments, and the programs that can be developed ... the goal is to create programs and services that are accessible to all (target population of most vulnerable and home bound); additional discussion re: fall / winter and flu/ covid vaccines... vaccines can be received at the same time... there will be clinics at the WEE office 50 Walnut Street starting soon**

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from October Meeting

- **Update from Pauline regarding Calendar for monthly guest speakers • Any Follow up/ Update information regarding Therapy Dog agencies from Pauline or RobertRevere Police Department may have information on therapy dog(s) and their purpose and role in crisis intervention / prevention... will continue to investigate via local police departments**

Item #4: SEPAC October Updates / November - December Events:

- **there is a November 17th meeting planned at RHS Robert Brown will bring updates to December's meeting (this focused on therapeutic strategies for the holidays)**
- **there is a holiday party tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2022 at Parks and Rec center... info will be going out via social media/ school liaisons and flyers**

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting November 2nd

- **Discussions and questions regarding City/Town Transition plans such as updating Schedule A**
- **Discussion from various Cities/Towns having issues with active Commission members**

and also filling vacancies....focus on transition plans and ensuring all work is coming off of those plans (walkways, ramps etc)... There continue to be a number of vacancies on Disability Commissions, many applicants who wait to be screened and interviewed... Per Federal Regulations, 2% of all agencies will be represented by persons with disabilities.

Item #6: Communications

- **Received Communication from Joanna Rizzo with regards to SEPAC, meetings continue to be on zoom . Joanna Rizzo and Dr. Gallucci are SEPAC administration contact persons. SEPAC can utilize School Departments full ZOOM account to create an accessible platform for their meetings.**

Item #7: Commission Members Late Items : Discussions regarding traffic patterns and bus lanes continue to pose concerns throughout the city.

Item #8: Residents' concerns/issues :

- **The correct use and misuse of the Handicap Placard were discussed, along with the reminder that placards cannot be hung via rear view mirror while driving. Always check posted signs. When trying to park where a HP sign is located all other signage must be followed regardless of a HP sign and placard usage.**

Item #9: Next Steps:

- **Continue to engage community personnel and agencies for monthly guest speakers... suggestions are always welcome. Continue to investigate Therapy dog's role and purpose.**

Item #10: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities Office works remotely. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday 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 department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

As always 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 speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist al the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM