



AUSTIN MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Employment-Awards Subcommittee

August 04, 2010 11:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DARS Administration Building, 4800 North Lamar - Conference Room Rm. 250

Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, George Luc, Ron Lucey

Interested Partners: Canzata Crowder, Linda Robinson, Bryson McCall Smith, John Weeks

Staff Liaison - Dolores Gonzalez

- 1. Discuss theme and brainstorm key note speaker ideas** – It was agreed by group to continue with 20th Anniversary of ADA as major theme. “Celebrating Excellence in Employment.” Norman brought up a speaker used by Easter Seals; He was going to follow up with her.
- 2. Identify Awards possible judges** – Canzata will explore Lonnie at HHSC; Ron will Contact Cindy Wells, Linda will explore a couple of employers; Dolores to send Judges confirmation letter to subcommittee members.
- 3. Awards program logistics, budget, food** – Dolores will provide info on final selection for location by August 6 to include the date of the event. Norman will calendar Mayor once date is set. John will work on the requisition for sponsorship.
- 4. Marketing plan** – Nomination Press Release will be modified by Ron and Dolores and distributed by the City's PIO; Nominations will be distributed by every member of the subcommittee; Dolores will check on modifications of online nomination form and send out the nomination letter to Norman for review and then distribute to subcommittee members. Include CAN and Austin Area Chamber of Commerce and other media outlets for press release and possible article in newsletters or in publications. Send nominations to Ruthi from Worksource for distribution.
- 5. Discuss entertainment ideas** – Linda will explore a couple of consumers who are musicians; Dolores will explore availability of the Texas School for the Deaf Choir. George will contact Celia at VSA for other entertainment ideas. Bryson will contact Gene & Dave about “red carpet” idea.
- 6. Discuss initial Planning timeline for Governor's Committee Employment Awards** – Plan first meeting for January 2011.

7. ADJOURNMENT