



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
(13, February, 2012)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 13, February, 2012 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jesus Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:01 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, Kathy Kasprisin, Jesus Lardizabal, George Luc and Ron Lucey Tanya Winters

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the December 12, 2011 minutes; with one change; it was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

2. **OLD BUSINESS** no old business conducted at this meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation: Amy Thompson - Public Health Preparedness Planner for the City of Austin and member of The Capital Area Public Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (CAHPMPC) Vulnerable Populations Work Group, regional planning efforts to: develop a regional definition for vulnerable populations and identifying data sources to inform and support related emergency preparedness and response planning.

➤ Intro

- CAHPMPC is joint initiative under Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC)
- The coalition is Co-Chaired by Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) and Austin/ Travis County Health and Human Services (ATCHHSD)

➤ CAHPMPC and Vulnerable populations

- CAHPMPC Goal is to develop and enhance public health and medical capabilities for mass casualty, medical surge capacity and mass fatalities to include response to all-hazards events.
- Coordinating regional efforts to identify medically vulnerable populations is the objective for the CAHPMPC Vulnerable Population Group

➤ Terms to Know

- Vulnerability refers to a population's level of risk to a specific event. Vulnerability in a given population's is assessed based on its relationship to the event.
- All Hazards events are any events that are naturally occurring or man made that can harm a community. Examples include natural disasters such as floods and technological disasters such as a chemical spill.

- CAPHMPC Draft Definition: Vulnerable Populations include populations that require extra assistance during an emergency due to limiting factors specific to the individual and or the emergent event. The identification of vulnerable populations within a community or region is specific to the demographics of the community, the resources of the community, and the nature and location of the emergent event.
- Determining vulnerability
 - The formula for vulnerability is the specific limitations and strengths X (the nature of the event+ the location)
 - The complexity of the equation requires responding agencies to develop capabilities for the rapid collection and assessment of demographic and event specific data.
 - These are the variables that define a given population: age group, economic resources, geographic location, members' physical and/or mental condition, social limitations, specific situational characteristics, and transportation access.
- Why the need to identify vulnerability?
 - Identifying and assessing the needs of vulnerable populations will help disaster management teams prepare for, respond to, and help recover that community.
 - Targeted community outreach will empower individuals to mitigate their own vulnerability (e.g. register for early warning systems, plan escape routes) and be better prepared for all hazard events.
 - Reducing the time needed for first responders to reach populations in need of assistance (e.g. evacuation scenarios) will provide better response.
 - By curbing the impact of the event on individuals and service providers disaster teams can mitigate the recovery process.
- Next Steps
 - Apply community feedback and best practices to draft definition
 - Identify data sources to enhance and support definition
- Applying Data
 - CAPHMP will identify opportunities for collaboration between service providers
 - The data could be used to support GIS mapping capabilities such as:
 - Demographic (census block/ zip code level)
 - Point Source (individual/ household level)
- CAPHMPC goal is to have an inclusive definition of vulnerable that can be manipulated to fit all hazard events. Also, CAPHMPC would like to have hard data, or subject matter experts for qualitative data.
- Applying Data
 - Data from the survey will help CAPHMPC to conduct a needs assessments/ assist in the identification of service gaps
- Contact at CAPHMPC
 - Amy.Thompson@austintexas.gov 512/972-6105
- Committee feedback:
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey expressed the need to address variables such as if CAPHMPC has a relationship with the office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department? The definition of the functional needs for transportation dependant individuals. Commissioner Lucey mentioned that Capital Metro Access had eligibility information, and that the group needed to decide on how to use that data source, as well as, the need to update the 211 Travis County transportation registry, which is not current.
 - Commissioner Norman Kieke talked about the need to address individuals with prescription needs in the data gathering.
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters suggested contacting local advocacy groups for feedback; Commissioner Winters will provide Amy a list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access/Youth Committee –Chair Tanya Winters

- Commissioner Tanya Winters announced that the first strategic meeting regarding the Visitability ordinance was held. The next step is a launch meeting for the initiative with stakeholders. Discuss visitability targeting access & safety; for more information or to get involved with this issue, please contact Dolores Gonzalez 974-3256
- The third PSA meeting will be held on February 28 at City Hall.
- Commissioner Winters updated the committee on the partnership between COA and Capital Metro to bring bus stops into compliance.

Awards/Employment Committee – Ron Lucey

- Commissioner Ron Lucey shared with the committee that the Business of Work planning meeting will be held in March,
- The Awards committee will start planning in April for the 2012 Employment Awards.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** There were no action item recorded for the February 13, 2012 Meeting:
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** no citizen hearings were held during the February 13, 2012 Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Two Citizen's communication was recorded during the February 13, 2012 AMCPD Meeting

Michael Zitz-Evanich a citizen announced that he had spoken at City Council about both changes in eligibility requirements for Metro Access as well as the Austin Energy Utility rate increase. He takes issue with the fairness about being able to speak about issues to Council. He feels that he could have used an accommodation but was not able to obtain it.

Maggie Gallant, Activity and Recreation Director for Games for Life - reported about the upcoming March 24th event at UT Rec Sports designed for those residents in long term care. The event will include all types of adaptive sports; the organization is looking for support. Dolores will refer her to April Sullivan at VSA Arts of Texas 454-9912.

7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - **Budget:** report: One Expense this month for renewing CTD membership – leaving a new fiscal year balance of \$ 6,005.00
 - White House Plans a Nine City Disability Tour, with members from the administration fanning out across the US for a series of conferences to address disability issues. One event is scheduled in Austin for March 28, at this time no information is available, but Dolores will send out any information as she gets it.
 - The ADA Office has an intern from Austin Corp, her name is Asia Arnold; she worked on the DMD brochure that was submitted to Denise and the committee for review. If the committee has any projects they need to work on, please let Dolores know.
 - The ADA Access and Sidewalk Taskforce, next meeting is March 28 at One Texas Center in the 13th floor conference room. There is one agenda item an update on new accessible parking along South Congress.

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CALENDAR

- Mar 03, 2012 Easter Seals Gala at ATT Conference Center
- March 28, 2012 ADA Access and Sidewalk Task Force
- March 28, 2012 White House Meeting in Austin
- April 28, 2012 Barbara Jordan Media Awards at Texas State University
- May 1, 2012 Goodwill Community Career Expo at Goodwill Community Center
- August 2, 2012 Austin Access Awards
- Oct 16, 2012 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
- Oct 17, 2012 Disability Mentoring Day at Mexican American Cultural Center

8. **Future Agenda Items:** Aviation Department to have a short presentation and update on Videophones at ABIA at an upcoming meeting.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the February 13, 2012 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. The motion was approved unanimously by all.