



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES December 09, 2013

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 09, December, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair, Tanya Winters, Chip Howe, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Ron Lucey, and Adam Slosberg,

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the November 12, 2013 minutes (changes to the ACA Forum portion was requested by made by Commissioner Adam Slosberg "For more information contact 211 or visit www.healthcare.com); the motion was seconded by Vice Chair, Tanya Winters. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action – The Committee discussed the agenda for the upcoming December 16 Work session Meeting. Commissioner Ron Lucey recommended some changes to the agenda. Cand committee liaison Dolores Gonzalez, said that she would send last year's annual report for commissioners to review.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For Discussion and possible action

Presentation: Linda Espy, Program Manager, Workbase Learning Program. Providing an update report on the Workbase Learning Program and services provided to youth with disabilities, including number of youth served and other relevant data.

- New Program Leadership Academy
 - This program is no longer a pilot, but a full fledge due to its success, it is now an integral part of the entire program.
 - Approximately, round 35 youths participated in various sessions concentrating on leadership skills that the program offered including: a program like the show Apprentice apprenticing, dangers of bullying, and a store project where the youths were to manage a store with given some cash handling roles. The final was a competitive marketing project that included all members and was judged by community leaders.
 - The program also offers a session on community service; this year, the class donated \$250 was donated to a sSoup kKitchen.
- If the committee would like to see more youth in the program, Linda Espy discussed with the committee the need for increasing staff to manage that growth.
- if the committee, Commissioner Ron Lucey commended Linda on the program, and asked where the job coaches came from? To which Linda confirmed that the majority majority of the job coaches came from Goodwill Industries.
- Also discussed, was a request from Linda for additional funding; she did mention that the program, Linda will get an additional \$73,000 from the City, but would like to see an even bigger increase.

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- Commissioner Adam Slosberg asked Linda what types of disabilities were represented ~~through the youths~~ in ~~their~~ program. Linda responded that disabilities served in the program included: Down-Syndrome, Autism, Bbi-polar disorder, Tourette's syndrome and various learning disabilities.
- Commissioner Lucey suggested that Linda go to the Employment and Access ~~ssss~~ Awards History of Winners respective links on the AMCPD homepage ~~forte find~~ additional placement sites.
- ~~Vice Chair, Tanya~~ Commissioner Winters said she would provide information to Constable Carlos Lopez Precinct #5, for job placement. Commissioner Winters also suggested contacting service providers to people with disabilities such as the DARS transition program; Commissioner Lucey said he would also follow up on this.
- Commissioner Kathy Keller added that she would send Linda the DMD Mentor List once it was updated, for additional job placement sites. Commissioner Ron Lucey stated the committee was gearing up for their annual work session, where the ~~job placement and~~ Workbase Learning Program would be addressed brought up.
- For more information on the Work Base Learning Program or to get an electronic copy of her report, please contact Linda Espy at email: Linda.espy@Travis.co.state.tx.us; or voice: 512-854-4590

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4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- AMCPD Chair Lardizabal said that he had asked PARD for information assistance on the technical specifications of the accessible route at Barton Springs Pool.
- The ~~r~~Revised Visitability Ordinance will be coming up for reading at the December 12 Council Meeting. Committee members will
- Commissioner Norman Kieke commended Commissioner Adam Slosberg on the ACA Forum for his good work and great presentation. Commissioner Kathy Keller remarked that putting a face to the program was quite useful.
- Commissioner Keller reported on said that the November 22nd DMD debriefing meeting; the group brought up topics to improve the program including having an earlier start in marketing, developing an online mentee and mentor applications and cleaning up the Mentor list.

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Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Employment and Awards
 - Awards Committee, Chair Ron Lucey, thanked everyone for another all the very successful work put in the Awards Program, especially Dolores and Lee. He asked the committee ~~members that~~ if they had any ~~idea thoughts for~~ improving the program to bring those up at the Work Session on December 16.

5. ACTION ITEMS: No action items were recorded during the December 09, 2013 AMCPD Meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: No public hearings were held during the December 09, 2013 meeting.

7. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No Citizen communications were recorded for the December 09, 2013 AMCPD Meeting.

8. STAFF BRIEFING: Dolores Gonzalez

- Budget: report: There were no expenses the month of December, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00.
- Staff Liaison Dolores Gonzalez announced that through a resolution from City Council, the City Clerk ~~was seeking members for a Taskforce. The purpose of the Task Force was to formulate a transition plan for the 10-1 Council changes coming up, as these will impact Boards and Commissions, as well. had requested that the committee participate in the group.~~ Both Commissioners Ron Lucey and Norman Kieke made official requests to the City Clerk for participation. -were sent emails.

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CALENDAR

- Dec 9 VSA Fundraising Event at Thousand Villages starting at 5:30pm
- Dec 13 CAN Holiday party at Austin City Hall 3:00pm
- Dec 16 AMCPD Annual Work session Room #1027 at City Hall
- Dec 16 AMCPD Annual Holiday Party at Threadgills 5:30p
- Feb 27 Easter Seals Annual Gala at the Austin Club

- 9. Future Agenda Items:** Future agenda item discussed during December 09, 2013 meeting included: a presentation on intellectual disabilities in January, and another on Brain Injury, Commissioner Howe suggested either Les Young or Bob Hamilton as presenters on Brain Injury. Also discussed was a presentation and update on Emergency Preparedness for people with disabilities from the City's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Dept.

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- 10. ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the December 09, 2013, meeting by Commissioner Ron Lucey; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. All approved.