DC Commission on Person with Disabilities (DCCPD)

January Meeting Minutes­­­­

January 26, 2017, 9am-10:30am

441 4th St. NW

Washington, DC 20001

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Denise Decker, Commission Chair, at 9:05 AM.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alexis Taylor Director, ODR

Beatrice Schmidt, Public Affairs Specialist, ODR

Dr. Denise Decker, Chair of the DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities

Kamilah Martin-Proctor, Commissioner

Tiffany Smallwood, Commissioner

Commissioners present via conference call:

Shakira Hemphill, Derrick Smith

Public participants: Rosalyn German

Mercia Bowser: Guest

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Disability Awareness Expo will be hosted by ODR. It will focus on Employment which will take place in October.
2. Currently there are 7 Commissioners- approximately 5 more members will be appointed.
3. Applications can be sent directly to the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments. Information on how to apply will be sent to the members.
4. February 17, 2017- Tentative Swearing in Ceremony for new members.

**ODR UPDATES**

1. Looking at DC Parks and Schools for accessibility, training individuals, looking at the accessibility of work sites.
2. Working on the Olmstead Plan for 2017-2020 and there will be a public comment period.
3. Transportation, Benefits, Housing, Employment, Community Engagement and Education were some of the possible topics for proposed working groups.

**SUGGESTED DC COMMISSION EVENTS**

Falls Prevention Workshop-brought up by Dr. Decker. It was suggested that expert speakers present on the topic. Arrangements would be discussed at a later date. Consider Bringing in Physicians and Physical Therapists to speak on the topic.

Deaf Awareness Day

An event celebrating veterans with disabilities c. A forum on housing and its impact on residents with disabilities D. An outreach posting on the website that would include information on audio-description, closed captioning and other access resources.

Our traditional Oct. Mayor's Expo on Disabilities will again take place as will the Beyond White Cane Day.

Beyond White Cane Day may again happen in November, due to events that can crowd it if it occurs in Oct.

We also talked about continuing community outreach in regard to emergency services for people with disabilities.

Dates may change; events may cancel and others may be added.

Commissioners will form their own subcommittees and determine their own meeting times and locations. Some have asked to use the ODR teleconference line. This should be coordinated with Director Taylor or her designee. Commissioners and guests were asked to communicate additional event ideas to ODR and/or to the DCCPD.

**AJOURNMEMT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am