

MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

Present: Mayor Sinnott, Fred Rush, Mas Sala, Michael Adamus, Debra Smith, Kim Brown, Passle Helminski, Veronica Fields, Tracy Witherspoon, Jennifer Sheldon, Matthew Good, Chris Cowan, Dawn Sokol, Heidi Meyer

1). Welcome

Meeting was opened by Mas Sala welcoming everyone in attendance. The sign-in sheet was circulated for signature by those present.

2). Sub-Committee Reports

Education/Diversity Training/Employment

(Chairperson needed!)

The Education/Employment sub-committee is temporarily suspended at this time as the sub-committee is in search of a new Chairperson. If you have interest in leading this particular sub-committee, please let me know (Mas Sala at msala@erie.pa.us).

Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation

(Chairperson: **Passle Helminski**)

Passle Helminski and her subcommittee offered no comments and/or concerns, at this time. Asserted that any recent concerns she had, relating to the Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation subcommittee, have since been resolved.

Emergency Services

(Chairman: **Michael Adamus**)

Although this Sub-committee is currently suspended, the Sub-committee established at the County level remains active. **Michael Adamus** discussed the various training tools that are available for fire, police, etc. Mr. Adamus states that he has the web addresses for all of the training videos. Mr. Adamus further asserts that he will make all of the web addresses available.

Housing/Homelessness

(Chairman: **Mas Sala**)

Mas Sala (Chairman) reported that the sub-committee continues to discuss various Fair Housing initiatives that could be undertaken through a partnering agency. It was reiterated during the Mayor's Roundtable that \$8,000 in CDBG grant funds have been allocated for the purpose of partnering with other agencies to focus on Fair Housing activities. The sub-committee welcomes CDBG - eligible suggestions as a project has not yet been proposed or identified as a possibility.

3). Announcements/Comments

Matthew Good - Jennifer Sheldon (HANDS)

- Matthew Good introduced Jennifer Sheldon, the new Community Manager at HANDS.
- Jennifer provided information regarding Highland Village Apartments which is a 37 unit apartment complex for Seniors 55 and older located in Edinboro. Jennifer reports that there are 2 accessible units available. For additional information about the apartments, you may contact HANDS at (814) 453-3333 Ext. 150.

Michael Adamus (Co-Chairman of the Mayor's Roundtable)

- Mr. Adamus announced that Catholic Charities will host a Disability & Deaf Ministry event on December 14, 2014. Additional details of the event can be found below:

December 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

In the MJM Room at St. Marks 2014
Deaf Ministry Advent Reflection
Catholic Center

429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504

Video Program "Preparing for Christmas"
followed by a discussion

Refreshments will be served

\$5 Donation appreciated

For more information or to register, contact

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4). **Meeting Schedule for 2015**

- 1). February 12, 2015
- 2). May 14, 2015
- 3). August 20, 2015
- 4). November 12, 2015

All meetings begin at 2:00 pm and are held in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) at the Intermodal.