

MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2015

Present: Mayor Sinnott, Mas Sala, Michael Adamus, Debra Smith, Kim Brown, Passle Helminski, Jennifer Sheldon, Keely Weschler, Heidi Meyer, Vance Duncan, Michael Fiorelli, Kelly Valdez, Jessica Molczan

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 remains temporarily suspended at this time and 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 new comments and/or concerns, at this time. Passle reports that she is working to address the pedestrian crossing concern at 21st and Greengarden.

Emergency Services

(Chairman: **Michael Adamus**)

Although this Sub-committee is currently suspended, the Sub-committee established at the County level remains active.

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

Debra Smith: Announced that the Public Hearing for the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan will be held March 3rd in City Council Chambers. For further information regarding the Public Hearing - you may contact the City of Erie Department of Economic and Community Development at 870-1270.

Kelly Valdez (Southwestern PA Legal Services): Provided information relative to the wide range of legal services her agency provides, as well as testing, and providing legal consultation for low-income consumers.

4). Meeting Schedule for 2015

1). May 14, 2015

2). August 20, 2015

3). November 12, 2015

5). **Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Sinnott commended and thanked the members of the Mayor's Roundtable for their commitment and dedication through their attendance and participation in various activities aimed at improving the quality of life for all citizens in Erie.

The Members present at today's Roundtable meeting, in turn, thanked Mayor Sinnott for his dedication to attending all of the Mayor's Roundtable meetings and remaining in touch and involved with any issues or concerns that may be presented - the members stressed the significance of what that means to them and are grateful for the Mayor's involvement.

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