

# MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

## Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

Present: Mayor Sinnott, Mas Sala, Michael Adamus, Kim Brown, Passle Helminski, Vance Duncan, Michael Fiorelli, Jessica Molczan, Dawn Sokol, Chris Cowan, Jen Dash

1). **Welcome**

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

2). **Subcommittee Reports**

Emergency Services Subcommittee  
(Michael Adamus)

**Michael Adamus** (Chairman) reports that he continues to work on disaster preparedness with the County Emergency Services committee. Michael briefly discussed the CERT team and the County's level of resources and training regarding disaster preparedness.

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](mailto:msala@erie.pa.us)).

Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation  
(Passle Helminski)

**Passle Helminski** (Chairwoman) and her subcommittee offered no new comments and/or concerns, at this time.

Housing/Homelessness  
(Mas Sala)

**Mas Sala** (Chairman) reported that the subcommittee has had several discussions relating to Fair Housing discrimination training – specifically, somehow mandating landlords to participate in training. Subcommittee members have discussed the possibility of linking non-compliance to training to the issuance of rental license.

A number of scenarios – for and against – mandating the training as well as denying issuance of a rental license for non-compliance to the training – have all been discussed. The subcommittee acknowledges that more ongoing discussion needs to occur.

Additional topics at subcommittee meetings have focused on developing additional strategies to encourage complainants to follow-through when alleging and filing a Fair Housing Discrimination complaint.

4). **Meeting Schedule for 2015**

3). November 12, 2015

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