

MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

Present: Mas Sala, Mayor Sinnott, Jessica Molczan (present via phone), Kim Brown, Passle Helminski, Dian Ames, Abby Skinner, Debra Smith, Daniel Roessner

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

**(Chairperson needed!)**

No Report – Subcommittee is suspended at this time

Education/Diversity Training/Employment

(Diana Ames)

**Diana Ames** (Mental Health Association of Erie) has agreed to be the Chairperson for this subcommittee. Thank you Diana! If you have interest in being a participating member of this particular sub-committee, please contact Diana Ames at: [pceh@hotmail.com](mailto:pceh@hotmail.com).

The Education/Employment sub-committee remains temporarily suspended until such time that Diana assembles committee members, enabling her to resume holding subcommittee meetings.

Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation  
(Passle Helminski)

**Passle Helminski** (Chairwoman) has been selected by Mayor Sinnott, to be the Co-Chairwoman for the Mayor's Roundtable on Disabilities; replacing Michael Adamus. Congratulations to Passle!

Passle also shared that the Greyhound bus service will now offer accommodations as needed for individuals with disabilities as well as any service animals that may be accompanying them.

Housing/Homelessness  
(Mas Sala)

**Debra Smith** (Erie DECD) announced that the Erie County Human Relations Commission (HRC), has submitted a Fair Housing project proposal that has been approved by the Erie DECD.

The HRC will develop and run two (2) commercials from September 2016 through January 2017 that will specifically address Fair Housing. This project utilizes the final CDBG funding balance that was available for a Fair Housing activity/project.

3). **Open Comments**

**Passle Helminski** commented that the EPD remained very visible and a strong support throughout the Celebrate Erie event. Passle extends a thank you to the EPD for their ongoing commitment to the safety of the community.

**Jessica Molczan** announced that the last Block Party of the year was to benefit Voices for Independence and encouraged all to attend.

5). **Mayor's Remarks**

**Mayor Sinnott** acknowledged and complimented Michael for all that he has done for the Roundtable as well as the community as a whole. Mayor Sinnott wished Michael the very best in his future endeavors.

5). **Meeting Schedule for 2016**

- November 10, 2016

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