

MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Present: Mayor Joseph Sinnott, Mas Sala, Passle Helminski, Jessica Molczan, Diana Ames, Wayne Harbison, Chris Cowan, Alan Dunfee, Abby Skinner, Debra Smith, Cherie Kinem, Kristin Blakely, Vance Duncan, Tracy Witherspoon

1). Welcome

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

Presentation

Kristin Blakely (Barber National Institute) provided a presentation, at the beginning of the meeting, regarding the Beast on the Bay event sponsored by the Barber National Institute and will be held September 9, 2017.

Kristin provided informational folders, discussed the adaptive course, and fielded questions from Roundtable members.

2). Subcommittee Reports

Emergency Services Subcommittee (Tracy Witherspoon)

Tracy Witherspoon reports that a free CERT (Community Emergency response Team) training will be held at Voices for Independence at the following dates and times:

- July 28, 2017 (6 - 8 PM)
- July 29, 2017 (8 AM - 4:30 PM)
- July 30, 2017 (8 AM - 4:30 PM)

For additional information, you may contact Tracy Witherspoon (VFI) at: twitherspoon@vficil.org or VFI at (814) 874-0064.

Education/Diversity Training/Employment
(Diana Ames/Jessica Molczan)

Diana Ames reports that the Needs Assessment Survey they developed and distributed, is completed. They are in the process of reviewing the results of the survey which will provide the subcommittee a clearer direction moving forward.

Accessibility/Mobility/Transportation
(Passle Helminski)

Passle Helminski/Kim Brown (The 'e') briefly discussed the details of a referral she made for an individual. Otherwise, there was nothing new to report for this subcommittee at this time.

Housing/Homelessness
(Mas Sala)

Mas Sala discussed the revision of the listing of Affordable Apartments currently displayed on the City of Erie website. This list has been updated, with some additional contact information provided and placed back on the City of Erie Website under the ADA Coordinator tab.

3). **Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Sinnott continues to express gratitude to the members of the Mayor's Roundtable for their commitment and involvement to community concerns in the interest of improving the quality of life for those individuals with disabilities.

4). **Meeting Schedule for 2017**

- August 24, 2017
- November 16, 2017

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