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Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes- January 22, 2018

Attendance:

Members Present:

Susan Austin
Andrea Beichler
Niki Biggs
Rebecca Cook
Helene Dubay
Jessica Leone
Mike Perrone (Donna Blasdell Representing)
Sheri Slater
Alex Trexler
Marc Weinstein

Members Absent:

Johnny Hudson

Associate Members Present:

Carol McBrien

- I. Marc called the meeting to order at 5:00.
- II. Reviewed and approved minutes from November meeting. The Commission did not meet in December due to the holiday.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Employment (Niki Biggs)- No Employment Meeting was held in December due to inclement weather. Next meeting will be on February 2:30 at Historic Bel Air High School 205 Hays Street. Niki shared that Ripkin Stadium has started hiring for seasonal positions and a new Chipotle opening in Forest Hill has started hiring as well. She also encouraged commission members to check out a video on facebook about Walgreens hiring people with disabilities.
 - B. Membership (Carol McBrien)- There are currently two openings for citizens with disabilities. There are also two terms about to expire, Mike Mathias (family member) and Helene Dubay (local

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business representative). Rachel will follow up with them to discuss whether they would like to apply to have their terms renewed.

C. Accessibility- No Updates

D. Education/Transitioning Youth Expo Planning (Helene Dubay)- Planning for the 2018 Transitioning Youth Expo is under way and it will take place on Saturday, April 7th 8:30-1pm at Bel Air High School. Registration for Exhibitors is open and registration for Participants/Attendees will open soon.

E. Government and Community Relations:

1. Legislative Committee- Rachel shared the "2018 Disability Legislation" list from MDOD and "Major Provisions of the American Health Care Act" from the Arc.
2. Maryland Alliance of Commissions on Disabilities- Rachel reported that she attended the joint mtg with the MD Alliance of Commission and the Maryland Commission on Disabilities. MDOD updates their website weekly so check there for legislative updates. Legislative session just began but early highlights were discussed.

IV. Office of Disability Services Report- Rachel shared the following initiatives:

Sensory Trail- Will be in ground by April 7

Community Conversations- Spring topics will include Guardianship and MD ABLE Accounts

SibShops- Coming May 2018 to Harford County!

Bike Camp- 2018 dates have been set for July 9-13

V. Public Comment and Announcements:

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 26th, 5pm

VI. Adjournment