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Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes- April 23, 2018

Attendance:

Members Present:

Susan Austin
Andrea Beichler
Niki Biggs
Rebecca Cook
Helene Dubay
Mike Mathias
Mike Perrone
Sheri Slater
Alex Trexler
Marc Weinstein

Members Absent:

Jessica Leone

Associate Members Present:

Carol McBrien

- I. Marc called the meeting to order at 5:00.
- II. The February minutes will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting. There was no quorum for the April meeting.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Employment (Niki Biggs)- Niki shared that the Emp Committee met last week.
 - Please Save the Date for the Annual Employment Recognition Luncheon which will be on Tuesday, October 23rd at the MD Golf and Country Club. If anyone has any suggestions for the Keynote Speaker, please send them to Niki.
 - The next meeting will be on May 16th at 1:30pm.
 - Members of the Employment Committee visited Sam's Canturbury Café, near Johns Hopkins Campus. Sam is a young man with autism and his family started this restaurant which now hires several individuals with autism who are supported by the Baltimore County provider, Itineris.

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Sam's father was very open to sharing his knowledge and is happy to offer his advice to anyone else who is hoping to start a similar venture.

B. Membership (Carol McBrien)-

- Helene's position has expired and she has chosen to step down from the Commission to allow for other citizens to join the group. Helene- thank you for your many years of valuable service to our citizens with disabilities!
- Carol McBrien has applied for the position of a citizen representing a business.

C. Accessibility- No Updates

D. Education/Transitioning Youth Expo Planning (Helene Dubay)- The 2018 TY expo for very successful with over attendees, the best turn out to date. There were over 60 exhibitors and the evaluations from the families, students, exhibitors, and presenters were all very positive. Kudos to the TY Expo Planning Committee for another successfully event!

IV. Old Business/Office of Disability Services Updates (Rachel Harbin)

A. Harford County Sibshops- Saturday, April 21st at Mt. Zion Church hosted 10 youth who all have a sibling with a disability. Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital facilitated the event with Rachel Harbin and it was a great morning! All of the parents asked if SibShops could continue on a regular basis in Harford county so Rachel is hoping to host another one soon.

B. Schucks Road Sensory trail- the Ribbon Cutting will be on Wednesday, April 25th at 10:30am. All of the Commissioners are invited, please RSVP to Rachel if you have not already done so. The Lt. Governor, Secretary Carol Beatty fo the MDOD, County Executive Barry Glassman, the John Archer Traveling Choir and other special guests will participate in the ribbon cutting.

C. Harford County Bike Camp- July 9-13 at Churchville Rec Center at Level Road, Registration will open on May 1 for both Riders and Volunteers. If you have any groups that would like to volunteer, please reach out to Rachel.

V. New Business (Rachel Harbin)

A. Art Without Boundaries 2018- Rachel shared the Cultural Arts Board informed her this month that they are unable to give time to this project this year. They can "support it financially" but Rachel does not know specifically what that means.

B. Harford Transit Changes- Alan Doran at Harford Transit will be putting together a community group of stakeholders regarding public transportation in Harford County. He asked Rachel if she and member of the Commission on Disabilities would like to be a part of that group. Rachel will share more details as she learn them.

VI. Public Comment and Announcements:

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 5pm (Please note this is the 3rd Monday of the month)

VII. Adjournment