

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Human Resources Meeting Room

August 15, 2007 3:00pm

Call to Order

Co-chair Hurd called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

Commission members present: Patty Brooks, Misty Farabee, Ardell Fiedler (3:15), Mary Hurd, and Amy Pokela.

Commission members absent: Peggy Carmichael, Brad Friez, Brett Johnson and Nancy Johnson.

Staff present: Carol Garry

Guest(s) present: Randy Williams and Sarah Weese.

Approval of Minutes

Our guests were welcomed by Co-Chair Hurd. Weese is with the SD Career Center. She will be working under a grant to work with people who are receiving disability benefits to find employment. Williams works at Southeastern Behavioral Health.

Fiedler moved to approve the April 18 and June 20, 2007, meeting minutes; Brooks seconded. Both of the meeting minutes were approved as presented.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Continuing Business

ADA Celebration – The turnout was great. The caterer reported 425 served. The consensus was the band was worth what we paid, the audio is still bad, the banners need to be better displayed, need to build up the committee membership and set up the subcommittees with people who are willing participate.

NOD Award – The tourism subcommittee met with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The CVB will be making changes to their website to make it more accessible. They will also work with the DAC to get a self reporting survey out to the hotels on accessibility. This will lay the ground work for the DAC to work with the businesses. A dining guide was also suggested; maybe get a corporate partner. The Health Dept would have a current list of restaurants for health inspections.

Fiedler and Garry will put together a draft of the 2007 application and we will work it over at the September meeting. Please come prepared; this will be an important meeting.

JAN Training – Fiedler suggested if we offer JAN Training again, that we provide it at employer locations. Not certain how that would work with equipment, etc. She also asked for contact information for SHRM.

HRC Report

Hurd reported that the Human Relations Commission recently voted on nominees for the Humanitarian Award. Fifteen were nominated; four coming from the DAC.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Pokela moved to adjourn, Fiedler seconded.** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2007, @ 3:00pm, City Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.