

Disability Awareness Commission

Minutes

Second Floor Meeting Room

September 19, 2007 3:00pm

Call to Order

Third Officer Friez called the meeting to order at 3:10PM.

Commission members present: Patty Brooks, Peggy Carmichael, Misty Farabee, Brad Friez (left at 3:45), Mary Hurd (arrived at 3:45), Nancy Johnson, and Amy Pokela.

Commission members absent: Ardell Fiedler and Brett Johnson.

Staff present: Carol Garry

Guest(s) present: Cindy Stewart

Approval of Minutes

Welcome to Cindy Stewart from SD Rehab who is here to share employment statistics.

Brooks moved to approve the August 15, 2007, meeting minutes; Farabee seconded. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Continuing Business

NOD Award – Those who volunteered to put together the draft of the nomination did not have enough time to get much done. They did research the population issue, information on housing programs for people with limited ability and how the city communicates (website, Ch. 16) with its citizens who need to be accommodated in the area of communications.

Friez had stats from the Career Center on the period ending June 30, 2007, and Cindy Stewart provided the stats for the number of people with disabilities that SD Rehab served from 10/1/06 to 9/30/07. (1,352 were served; 178 successfully employed for 90 days) These numbers cover Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner and McCook counties. It was pointed out that other agencies do similar job placements for their clients i.e. SE Behavioral Healthcare, Achieve, Svc to Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau's updated website should be online by the middle of October. The update included making the site more accessible.

No communication has been received regarding membership on a disaster planning committee for a person with a disability. We were advised the Sioux Falls Area Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) may accept a

new member. Staff has requested to have the ADA Accessibility Review Board review the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan at their next meeting.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

HRC Report

The HRC is busy planning their Humanitarian Award dinner. The DAC is invited; you need to RSVP.

Public Comment

Farabee informed the Commission about KELO's Tradition of Caring for the upcoming year will focus on disability awareness. They want it more state-wide rather than a local focus. The Commission shared information about groups/agencies that have a statewide impact. Also the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities would be a good resource (www.sd-ccd.org/).

Adjournment

Having no further business, **Carmichael moved to adjourn, Johnson seconded.** The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2007, @ 3:00pm, City Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room.

Minutes submitted by Carol Garry.