

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Meeting Minutes

TACID – 6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407

September 10, 2015

4:00 PM

Call to Order	Chair Nyland called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
Commissioners Present	Luke Byram, Susan Dye, Sheryl Ellis, Todd Holloway Michael Maratas, Roxanne Miles, Krystal Monteros, Devin Myers, Gerrit Nyland, Gary Peterson
Commissioners Absent	JoAnne Fritsche
Staff Present	Joy St. Germain, Sandy Davis, LaMont Green, Donlisa Scott
Guest Present	BethAnn Artiz, Chester Bettinger, Pierce County Community Connections, Nancy Huseman, Brain Injury Alliance of Washington, Kathy Holland, Vadis, Sheryl Stanstal, Tacoma Housing Authority
Adoption of Agenda	MOTION: Commissioner Dye moved to approve the agenda SECONDED BY: Vice-Chair Miles ACTION: The motion carried
Acceptance of Minutes	MOTION: Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the minutes from August 13, 2015 with an amendment to add that during the Human Resource Director’s report, Commissioner Dye commented that ‘the City needs to look at how they develop the budget to cover the cost of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters’. In the Emergency Management section, make a revision to read that ‘Commissioner Holloway is building an inventory of public facilities that are mapped and inventoried for emergencies, and have a transition plan on file’. SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dye ACTION: The motion carried
Public Comment	There was no public comment The COD welcomed new commissioners Michael Maratas, and Devin Myers. Michael Maratas is an Army veteran working at Rally Point 6. Devin Myers works with the



Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center.

Presentation

Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injuries and Homelessness – LaMont Green

Members of the Planning Workgroup Committee gave a presentation on the **Tacoma, Lakewood, and Pierce County Continuum of Care Plan to End Homelessness for those with a Cognitive Impairment and/or Developmental Disability.**

Three goals emerged through national and local research as well as analysis of data collected from the client community needs assessment findings, provider survey findings, and input from stakeholders:

- **1. Increase housing and access to existing housing**
- **2. Improve health and stability**
- **3. Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement**

These three goals are consistent with key themes accentuated in the Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the Pierce County Consolidated Plan to End Homelessness.

Commissioner Dye asked how the COD could help with their efforts. Chair Nyland commented that the COD could help by getting the ear of the City Council by working with city staff and being available to work on other commissions. The COD could also utilize communication tools available and provide education and training. Commissioner Holloway commented that there is a list of priorities for independent living in the state of Washington, and housing is a priority.

Business

Disability Advocate of the Year Selection – Luke Byram

MOTION: Commissioner Byram moved to approve Ha Le, BethAnn Artiz, and Metro Parks for the Disability Advocate of the Year Award

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dye

ACTION: The motion carried

Good of the Order / Announcements

Sheryl Stansal of the Tacoma Housing Authority and Chief Gustafson of the Tacoma Police Department are scheduled to present at the October meeting. The COD retreat is scheduled in November. Commissioner Ellis mentioned that Heather Ruder is interested in working with COD and the City of Tacoma, and mental health will be their focus next year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm



NOTE: The meeting was not recorded due to a malfunction of the recording equipment.

Next meeting, October 8, 2015 – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

