

Meeting Notes for February 26, 2018, 4:00-5:30

Michael Shermis opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Members: Katie Herron, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Rachel Guglielmo, Zoe Waters, Susan Russ, David Carter, Barbara McKinney, Michael Bird, Chris Jackson, Chris Baskins, Chris Cutshall, Connie Neal, Ivana Fox, Vicki Pappas, Iris Kiesling, and Linda Crawford.

Guests:

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: Minutes from the November and January meetings were approved as printed.

Media: Barbara McKinney noted a Target ad featuring clothing that was easily put on.

Report from the city: Michael reported that Smart 911 is easily completed online as well as by phone. Updating is done for enrollees. Brochures on Smart 911 have already been distributed by Meals-On-Wheels volunteers. Chris Jackson wanted some for MCPL and Chris Baskins wanted some for SICIL.

Michael commented that at an event featuring domestic violence, there were factors of accessibility to consider other than physical. Michael has provided a url to review to acquaint citizens with a more comprehensive level of viewing and understanding accessibility.

Financial Report: There is a balance of \$4,908.56 in the CCA account.

Guest Presentations: Barbara McKinney, Bloomington Human Rights Commission, and member of CCA, presented an overview of her responsibility as one of eight city attorneys to ensure that the city complies with the ADA. In response to complaints of perceived discrimination, Barbara makes sure that the complaints are investigated to see that Bloomington citizens receive fair and impartial treatment. She says that the legal department does not receive a lot of disability complaints pertaining to such concerns as service animals, parking, and ramps.

Barbara provided several examples of different cases brought to her department and how they were resolved. In responding to the citizens' complaints, even though occasionally the law can't resolve the individual's complaint, the person's rights and dignity are kept in mind.

New Accessibility Concerns: No new concerns were presented, but Katie suggested a procedure for interacting with IU when an accessibility concern arises. Concerns should be noted on a written list which is then forwarded to Katie who follows up with contacting the designated IU personnel. This designated person has been invited to attend a summer CCA meeting. A current issue involves parking in garages and then getting to the site of the performance. It was suggested that one IU venue be selected and then develop a set of questions about the parking for that venue, i.e., where is the parking, how to get to the venue

from the parking garage, the number of accessible parking spaces, etc.. It was noted that the Jordan parking lot has been surveyed.

Report from the Chair: Katie announced that elections for chairperson, secretary and the two members-at-large will be held in March.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that several of the businesses surveyed are to receive letters from Michael listing areas of accessibility concerns that stand in the way of complying with the CCA survey. Looking ahead to the “Breaking down the Barriers” event, with College Mall being the area of focus, Michael Bird has offered to help coordinate the event. Michael Shermis commented that the Smartsheet will be a big help in streamlining the survey reports.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: As there is no committee in place to coordinate events during March and April (Disability and Accessibility Awareness months), it was decided to continue with activities begun in the past as they have met with success. It was the consensus of the Council to be visible during the April Awareness month with the “Breaking down the Barriers” event, possibly holding that on the regular April CCA meeting date.

CCA 2018 Priorities Work: Katie and Michael, representing the group that is working on increasing communication with Indiana University, met with the individual referred by Julie Knost (Rob Aspy). The idea of a panel discussion to share the policies and practices of inclusion at different department was enthusiastically received.

Michael’s intern will be creating a list of medical facilities (possibly places used by Council members) to be surveyed. There was discussion about the most efficient delivery of panel presentations on sensitivity training, ethical issues concerning doctor/patient interaction for education for medical personnel, etc. Michael will ask what training the medical personnel would like to receive. Katie Anderson mentioned that there was a video on this topic produced several years ago. If a new one is desired, the video could be produced by CATS. Existing access by bus to medical facilities will also be researched. Chris will also ask medical practices what training would benefit them in treating persons with disabilities.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: There were no announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,