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Chairperson

Commission on Disabilities Minutes
December 12, 2011

- Present: Cecile Brodsky, Dana Canevari, David Hicks, Elaine Quinn, Matthew Ranelli
- Excused Absence: Jason Gomez, Jack Tsai
- Staff: Michelle Duprey, Paula Pernal

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

October Minutes

Matthew made a motion to accept the October minutes as modified.
David seconded the motion.
October minutes approved unanimously as modified.

Chairman's Report

David sent letters to Commissioner Redecker with copy to Governor Malloy in response to email from Michelle regarding to Taxis Project.

David is waiting for reply to his invite from Head of Human Resource Council, Walter Nester.

Department Report

Michelle stated that the time passed for the Motion for Consideration and the Department of Transportation (DOT) has taken no action, therefore, the final decision stands. The taxis companies are appealing the administrative decision. Several groups are meeting to discuss filing ADA lawsuits.

Michelle mentioned that the critical piece for this commission is working on the legislation for this session. Michelle discussed that she will work with Darria and Rep. Guerrero on writing the legislation and submitting it to the Transportation Committee for this session. Michelle stated that the DOT set-up the process for this legislation around the processing of applications for permits for accessible vehicles. The legislation would include an incentive piece for the taxis companies. Matthew suggested using the size of fleet as competition for user ship.

Michelle mentioned that she submitted her Department Budget.

The Governor appointed Michelle to the Personal Care Assistant Advisory Council, a 7-person advisory council. Michelle stated she opposed this appointment but was willing to accept the appointment.

The Governor's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation message to people with disabilities was very upsetting to the disability community. Michelle sent pamphlet & guide to the governor's office and subsequently there was a meeting of the governor's staff to discuss training. This meeting was not well received. The training is not taking place. The Governor still has not appointed ADA Coordinator as required under

federal law. There is a big push by the disability community for this to happen soon. An appeal was made at the governor's office.

Old Business

Michelle stated that she has not heard from Patti Lawlor in the Mayor's Office regarding the term eligibility of Dana & Elaine and she will get back to the Commission.

Michelle asked that the Official Secretary review the Minutes before they are mailed out.

David & Dana stated that they will continue to act in their capacity as Officers until the new Election.

Matthew made a motion to table the Election of Officers for 2012 until the January meeting.

David seconded the motion.

The Election of Officers for 2012 was tabled until 2012 was accepted unanimously.

New Business

None

Other Business

None

Public Comment/Announcements

None

David made motion to adjourn meeting.

Dana seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously at 6:40 p.m.