**Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes**

Hybrid Meeting, hosted virtually via Zoom and in person at

 Emergency Operations Center for Pierce County

Friday February 10, 2023

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| **Call to Order** | Chair Monteros called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM  |
| **Commissioners Present** | Krystal Monteros, Todd Holloway Kristy Willet, James Williams, Rebecca Parsons, Aimee Sidhu, Tony Hester, Lukas Barfield  |
| **Commissioners Absent** | Luke Byram (excused)Tony Caldwell (?) |
| **City Staff Present** | Rita Moore, Drena Sellers, Ivan Tudela  |
| **Guests Present – Community**  | Julian F. Wheeler |
| **Ice Breaker** | Who would you invite to a TACOD meeting:Friends, AI, MLK, Grandmother, Students of Architecture,  |
| **Adoption of Agenda** | Commissioner Willet made a motion to adopt the agenda.Commissioner Holloway seconded the motion. The ayes have it and the agenda was adopted.  |
| **Acceptance of Minutes** | Commissioner Willet made a motion to adopt the January13 Minutes; Commissioner Holloway seconded the motion. The ayes have it and minutes were adopted |
| **Public Comment** | Julian F. Wheeler: would like help with information and resources for getting awareness to social justice in Northern, ID. |

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| **Chair Reports** **(Monteros & Byram)** | Chair Monteros* Working on legislative advocacy
* “No Turn on Red” with Disability Washington. Was able to meet Governor Inslee at the press conference; and was on the news
* House Bills related to Juvenile sentencing and brain development; mental health advocacy for people who are currently or formally justice involved.

Questions to the group: how do we bridge mental health awareness and disability rights? |
| **Liaison Report**  | Accessible Taxi Report:Recognizing Commissioner Parson in their continued work on the accessibility report.CBC Joint meeting with Chief Moore:Conversation will start with 8-10 questions that have been submitted bay TACOC,CIRA, and other commissions. Wednesday April 26th , 5-7 PM, at Peace Community Center; meeting will be hybrid and the facility is accessible. 64th & Pacific Celebration 2023Planning is underwayNomination for City of Destiny Awards:Members of the disability community have been nominated; would like commission to think about next year of who we could nominateQuestion: Details about the joint CBC meeting with Chief Moore will be sent around? – Yes. Details are forthcoming. We will send out a save the date.  |
| **Report from Subcommittees**  | Commissioner Caldwell not present for report  |
| **Todd Holloway & Ivan Tudela -** Access and Functional Needs Pierce County | Project that involves Disability & Functional Needs which is working to elevate disability awareness in emergency management. New position in the State of Washington.Title: Disability and Access &Functional Needs Coordinator, filled by Tracy Singh-PooleFAST – Functional Assistance Support Team (name still pending): program that is being implemented in Washington. |
| **Ivan Tudela - Access and Functional Needs Pierce County** | Coming in March: Statewide FAST program which will expend volunteer program to the state level. Washington State Fusion Center: Training on Active Threat in January; event was successful. Next Wed: Access & Functional Needs Summit. Trainings on service animals, speakers about language access in emergency response notification, Transportation workshop Shout out to Tony & Krystal to help film segments fort he Access & Functional Training Videos. Gets approached a lot about the best way to communicate and connect with the people with disabilities community. * Lucas suggests connecting with commissioner (as long a quorum is not met) to brainstorm engagement strategies.
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| **Tony Hester – PCAP**  | Bi- Monthly work group met today. Working on:* Branding and Outreach Materials.
* Creating an awareness pamphlet Pierce County Communication Department.
* Advocating for a seat on the Pierce Transportation Advisory Committee.
* Writing an invite letter to the County Council.

If you have ideas for PCAP committee would love to hear them. March 30th is the deadline to present proposals to the Governors Committee on Disability and Employment.  |
| **Good of the Order** | Monteros:Also attended Pac Highway Meeting (Committee Name: Make Pacific Beautiful; presented at last TACOD meeting). Monteros attended as a representative of Disability Rights Washington. Pac Highway Meeting would like engagement from TACOD. Offers a $50 stipend to attendees. Goal is to have 25 people represented in the meeting. * Lucas will follow up on any conflict of interest in attending other committee meetings.

Local story about family who had a car stolen with a wheelchair within. * There is a way to look at this systemically, with putting caps on the cost of medical equipment.
* Could pose a question to Chief Moore in joint meeting about police response to vehicle theft, and what is prioritized. (Lucas will help form the question)

Barfield: Has numbers of various cannabis bills that need advocacy. Has information on how you can comment on bills electronically.  |
| **Adjournment** | Monteros motion to adjournHolloway seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:28PM.  |