

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 12:00-2:00 pm, Jefferson County Health Department

Present: Pat Teal, Leesa Monroe, Marion Huxtable, Bonnie Bolster, Travis Rowland

Absent: Julie Duke, Liz Heffern

Excused: Celia Fry and Lynn Meyer

Guests: n/a

Introductions: n/a

Additions to agenda: n/a

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting are in progress

Treasurer's Report

Regular account balance \$1085.43, emergency account \$478.69.

Bonnie transferred \$50.00 from the emergency account to the regular account in order for the emergency account to remain active

The board approved an expense of \$2.40 monthly to add a spam filter to the DASH email account.

Rotary Funding

DASH received \$700.00 in funding from Rotary. A thank you card will be sent.

Rotary funding will be used for an educational brochure and other publication to inform the public about DASH.

UGN (United Good Neighbors)

Pat called Carla at UGN regarding presenting information about DASH at the UGN board meeting. Pat has not heard from Carla yet. The board agreed it was worth pursuing so Pat will call Carla again to find out when the UGN board meetings are held.

DASH board members discussed what to present and what questions to ask UGN to improve chances of receiving funding. Questions included: was it an issue that DASH asked for operating costs, did UGN need more specific program information on DASH i.e. preventing social isolation, providing safe routes for transportation.

- Follow up - Pat will call Carla

Other Funding Options

Last year Marion met with the director at Seaport and inquired if residents of Seaport Landing would be interested in being on the DASH board and if Seaport would donate funds to support DASH. No response was received. The board decided it would not be worth pursuing this inquiry.

Other potential funding sources mentioned were Quimper Unitarian Church and the Methodist Church. Marion said the Methodist Church puts on concerts once a month and they have donated funds from the concerts to charity.

Travis suggested a goal setting activity for the next board meeting of preparing a marketing presentation highlighting the effect DASH has on the community. Travis can help with a slide presentation.

- Follow up - develop marketing presentation

Accessible Communities Grant

Funding request remains pending.

Film Festival (September 25, 26, 27)

The Accessible Communities Act Committee is sponsoring a movie at the Port Townsend Film Festival. The DASH board would like to have brochures to hand out at the festival. A suggestion was to print a small run of the case statement brochures to hand out until a new brochure can be prepared. Others suggestions for handouts included refrigerator magnets, notepads, and donation forms.

- Follow up - DASH will need to ask if it is permissible to handout donations forms at the film festival.
- Follow up - printing brochures and or notepads for film festival, purchase magnets, giveaway items

Hospital Wayfinding

Marion prepared an excellent report describing the trips board members took to the hospital. Board members were impressed that hospital staff were quick to approach them and ask if they need help. Paper maps at the front desk were helpful. Feedback recommendations to insert in the report included:

- What method members used to find their way from point A to B (checklist used)
 - Campus maps should be located anywhere there is a crosswalk or transit map
 - One large campus map or interactive map on the hospital website
- Follow up - fine tuning the wayfinding report and sending it to DASH's contact at the hospital, Hilary Whittington.

Fort Worden Venues

Marion sent a letter to the manager at Fort Worden outlining entertainment venues that needed updating and offering DASH's services for future work.

- Follow up - Marion will send a follow up letter Fort Worden Public Development Authority General Manager, Todd Gubler and copy Public Development Director Dave Robison asking if they received the letter.

Additional notes from meeting

- Safeway has reduced the number of disabled parking spaces and replaced them with senior parking.
- Update on heavy doors at the pool; Ken Clow is looking at replacing the doors or fixing the door pressure

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Community Center, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.