

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2015, 12:00-2:00 pm, Jefferson County Health

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

Absent: Julie Duke, Liz Heffern

Guests: Celia Fry co-owner of Age at Home, LLC

Introductions:

Board members and guest, Celia Fry, introduced themselves.

Guest presentation:

Celia Fry, co-owner of Age at Home, LLC shared the services her company provides. Celia has 40 years of physical therapy experience and is available to evaluate and make recommendations for aging at home. (Co-owner Lynn Meyer has 35 years of physical therapy experience) Rates to have Celia and Lynn perform a home evaluation are hourly.

Celia, Pat and Marian have all visited the newly built accessible home listed with realtor Teri Nomura. The group discussed the term universal design and ideas on personalizing a home for someone with a disability.

Minutes

Minutes from January were approved with corrections/additions.

Treasurer's Report

No change from last month.

Bonnie reviewed the cost of having a spam filter added to the DASH website/email address. The cost for the filter is minimal and the board agreed to add the filter.

Accessible Communities Grant

The board reviewed the website upgrade proposal in preparation for a meeting scheduled with Anna McEnery after the regular board meeting. Discussion items included: stating in the application that links on DASH's website will be for non-profits only (in accordance with DASH's charter), updating website to be user friendly for people with vision impairments, possibly adding QR codes to brochures for quick website access.

UGN Application

Leesa has been working on the UGN application and is nearly finished. The UGN application requests a photo that tells a story about DASH's program. Marion received permission from Pippa Mills of Pippa's Tea to use her photo in our application. The deadline to apply for UGN funding is February 17, 2015.

Rotary Funding

Rotary has funding opportunities for non profits. Bonnie brought a copy of the Rotary funding application. Marion took the application and will review it.

Grants for professional development workshop (JCCF)

Pat mentioned there is a grant writing workshop Feb 19 from 9:00 to noon if anyone was interested in attending.

Hospital Expansion

Pat told the board the Non-motorized Transportation Board reviewed the plans for the hospital expansion and found some issues with parking; areas of the parking configuration on Cleveland Street interfere with the pedestrian right away.

Bikes on sidewalks around the hospital

Pat will attend the city council meeting and ask if there is an update on DASH's request to include hospital area sidewalks in the city's no riding on bicycles ordinance

Painted crosswalks from the T-lab

Marian shared photographs of crosswalk painted as artwork.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Community Center

Meeting with Anna

Anna said the application information she received from Bonnie looked good. Anna suggested writing up some project narrative on the project and sending everything together. Bonnie will be unavailable for two weeks when she returns on Feb 20 she can work on the application. Anna offered to help with the writing if it would make the project go faster. Anna and Bonnie agreed on a timeline for when Bonnie returns.