

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 12:00-1:30pm, Jefferson County Public Health Boardroom

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

Absent: Julie Duke

Guests: Tasha Schleich and careprovider Darcy

Introductions:

Board members and guests introduced themselves. Pat provided a brief overview to guests of what DASH does.

Additions to Agenda

Pat let the group know there will be a meeting Dec 8 at 13:00 at the County Auditor's office regarding accessibility and voting; anyone may attend.

Pat said there will also be an emergency preparedness meeting in January; the date is to be determined.

Minutes

November meeting minutes have minor revisions. Pat will send her changes to Leesa.

Treasurer's Report

Regular account \$1025.43, emergency account \$533.69

Bonnie provided details to our guests what the emergency account is used for. The money in the emergency account does not belong to DASH. DASH manages the funds for the county emergency preparedness program for people with disabilities. The funds have been used to purchase items that go in emergency backpacks. The backpacks are given out to people who participate in emergency preparedness classes.

Hospital update

Pat has been calling the hospital to arrange a meeting with the project manager. Sylvia White assistant to CEO Mike Glenn returned Pat's call. Sylvia White said she will talk to Mike Glenn about setting up a meeting with the project manager.

DASH has met with Mike Glenn once; a follow up meeting has been on hold for several months while the hospital reviewed funding for their new building. DASH has an interest in who the new ADA Coordinator will be and the status of the new building.

Parking on Washington Street, near the Port

In follow up to a discussion at the November DASH meetings Marion sent a second letter to Ken Clow requesting an on-street accessible parking space. Marion has not received a response to her letter.

Opportunity from Teri Nomura regarding accessible housing

A house that was built to be totally accessible will be available for viewing the Sunday after Christmas. The house is across from the Grant Street School. Realtor Teri Nomura will host the open house, along with Sandy Boughner from Home Instead Health Care. Pat asked if any board members would be interested or available to attend. Marion volunteered to attend the open house.

Planning for our meeting with Larry Crockett next month regarding upgrades to Port property: Post Office, Gathering Place, WSU

Larry Crockett is scheduled to attend the January DASH meeting. The board will let him know a concrete pad is needed for at least one disabled parking space at the new post office substation. (The parking lot is gravel)

Clarification is needed on where the ramp for the Copula House (WSU) will be located and whether there is a designated disabled parking area.

Is Gathering Place returning to the building at the Port? Will the building they use at the Port have a safe wheelchair accessible ramp?

Question on building access

Tasha had a question about a building she cannot access. The board provided information on historical buildings and ADA compliance.

Review, finalize updates to the restaurant guides

The board did a final review of the draft of the restaurant guide updates.

Planning for our meeting with Toby Olsen, re: grant proposal

The board reviewed the wish list of items DASH is requesting to receive funding from the Accessible Community Act Project Fund.

Adjourned early for 1:30 meeting with Toby Olson from the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues, Anna McEnery and other participants

Next meeting Tuesday, January 6th, 2015 at Port Townsend Community Center