



Constituents' Voice Meeting

Meeting Date 12/7/2018 Meeting Location: 8330 E Jefferson, Detroit, MI

Meeting Start/ End: 11:00 am to 12:40 pm

Approval: Donna Coulter

Recorded by: Michael Shaw

Meeting Notes

1. Greetings & Introductions/Ground Rules/Review Of Notes

Goal: _____

Strategic Plan Pillar(s): Advocacy Access Customer/Member Experience Finance Quality Workforce

Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves. Ground Rules – Ray Schuholtz & Michael Squirewell went over the Ground Rules with the group. Review & Approval of Notes (Last meeting) – Skipped (Agenda)		
Decisions Made		
Action Items	Assigned To	Deadline

2. Announcements

No announcements were read.		
Decisions Made		
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Send out meeting materials	Michael Shaw	After Every meeting

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3. Strategic Plan (Public Policy Platform)

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Dr. Coulter asked the group what the CV accomplished over the past year. Some of the accomplishments were: 1) Raised more than \$3,000 at the Variety Show-Linda Burton, 2) Had beneficial "Face to Face" interviews of "Dreams Come True" Mini Grant applicants-Linda Burton, 3) Grant winners had the opportunity to start their own businesses-Cynthia Monia, 4) Inclusion and integration was realized at Variety Show-David Williams, 5) "Reaching for the Stars" was held. It gave attendees the opportunity to be proud and recognized for their accomplishments-Michael Squirewell, 6) Mini Grant applicants had the opportunity to write down their goals-Jaime Junior, 7) DWMHA CEO Willie Brooks was informed of the CV's accomplishments at "Reaching for the Stars-Donna Coulter, 8) The Advocacy Action Group helped develop the Public Policy Platform and proposed establishment of Community Delegates-Michael Shaw, 9) Candidates Forum was held at

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Considine Center-Donna Coulter, 10) Lt. Governor elect asked and came to speak at the ARC Detroit-Donna Coulter, 11) Coffee Hours were proposed-Blake Perry, 12) Advise Action Group has started the Ambassador Training Program-Ray Schuholtz, 13) Engage Action Group has focused on Human Trafficking. Members have passed out care kits to victims-Laura Alasadi, 14) Walk A Mile in My Shoes was an event in which CV members had a great deal of input as speakers, and voter registrars-Donna Coulter, 15) Young man Came from California and was told that he would have the opportunity to work in marijuana industry in Michigan. He was a victim of CV trafficking. CV played a role in his rescue from traffickers-Joanna Lofton.

Linda Burton proposed that more than on event a year (like the variety show) could be held to raise money in the future. Dr. Coulter proposed that stories about persons who have been impacted by CV could be printed in the next edition of the Persons Points of View Newsletter. Steve Kuhlman mentioned that a Clubhouse (ACCESS Hope House) in Dearborn existed but many people at DWMHA didn't know. He suggested that Ambassadors should be recruited from this clubhouse.

Dr. Coulter went over first page of Public Policy Platform. She stated that CV members need to know what is in the platform.

The ADA and pay for Direct Care Workers are issues that the CV could advocate for with legislators.

David McAllister was instrumental in developing the Disability Task Force.

One of the goals of the Behavioral Health Committee is to train police officers so they know how to deal with challenging situation and deescalate confrontations between themselves and the mentally challenged-Donna Coulter.

Dr. Coulter asked CV members to review second page of Public Policy Platform. She said she would give them a quiz on it at the January 2019 CV meeting.

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4. Ambassador Training Program

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Steve Kuhlman stated that the program is scheduled to start in the latter part of January 2019. Ambassadors will focus on current events. Self-determination, self-esteem, and Person-Centered Planning will be areas that the Ambassadors will focus on. The first group of Ambassadors is projected to consist of about 20 persons. Ambassadors will receive stipends. Customer Service is working on providing transportation to and from sites for the Ambassadors.

5. Bylaws

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Mr. Perry indicated that the word "delegate" implied that the person designated as a "delegate" had been elected to the office that they will occupy. He stated that the proposed "Community Delegates" be called "Community Representatives" instead. Mr. Schuholtz proposed that discussion of changes to the current CV Bylaws be postponed until the January 2019 CV Meeting.

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Jaime Junior indicated that she was elected to the “Michigan Developmental Disability Council.”

Hank Johnson stated that the ARC was instrumental in arranging transportation for about 100 people to the polls on election day in November 2018. He stated that the local Democratic Party was so impressed that it asked him to turn in the receipts for the transportation so the party could pay for and reimburse the cost.

Isaac Robinson was elected as a representative from the 8th district. As a representative, he can sponsor 5 bills. Mr. Robinson indicated that he wants to focus he work on disability issues and housing for the Detroit Coalition.

ACLU has informed Hank Johnson that it would like to work with disability groups on important issues in 2020.

The date of “Legislation Day” has been changed. Mr. Perry indicated that he will go to Lansing to obtain i.d. badges used to enter the legislature.

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8. Good and Welfare

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NEXT MEETING: Friday January 18, 2019

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