

STATE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 18 2019 – 12:00 pm

Felton-Farmington Room, DelDOT Administration Building, Dover

Present: Todd Webb, Chair; Terri Hancharick, Vice-Chair; Linda Heller, HLADE/Advocate; Daniese McMullin-Powell, ADAPT/Advocate; Lloyd Schmitz, Council of the Blind/EFOC; John McNeal, Staff; Kyle Hodges, Staff; Amber Rivard, Support Staff; and Jo Singles, Support Staff.

Guests: Bill Powell; Rita Landgraf (by telephone)

CALL TO ORDER

Todd called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm. Todd made a motion to approve the November 19th minutes as written. Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Terri and Daniese abstaining and no one opposing.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

BUSINESS

There was general discussion regarding a path forward for SCPD and possible collaboration with other entities. There are many similarities between SCPD and the Governor’s Commission on Building Access to Community-Based Services, which was created by Executive Order 50. The SCPD is mandated by Delaware Code. SCPD and the Commission have worked closely together in the past and have consistent duties and responsibilities. The SCPD has an active membership of people with disabilities and their families. One important difference between membership of the Commission and SCPD is that the Commission requires “high level” representatives from agencies and divisions whereas SCPD allows “designees”. The Commission also requires members of the Senate and House. The possibility of consolidation of the Commission and SCPD was discussed. It was believed that, at a minimum, high level representation and engagement from necessary state agencies and divisions (i.e. division directors) would be needed if SCPD was to be strengthened. If this occurred, Rita would like to participate as a member of SCPD. Legislation relating to SCPD would be needed, but SCPD is in a good position since it is codified and has been instrumental in its work with the legislative branch of government.

There was discussion about bringing certain topics (Olmstead) to the forefront on a continual basis as a standing agenda item and put into the Delaware Code. The constant focus needs to be on bringing more people into the community.

Copies of Executive Order 50 and the Delaware Code in reference to the SCPD will be sent to Executive Committee members.

John spoke briefly about the SCPD budget shortfall. He noted that the contractual funding request for next year will be doubled to accommodate requests for reasonable accommodations.

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, April 1, 9:45 – 11:45 am at the Smyrna Rest Area for further discussion about a path forward for SCPD. The full Council will have to approve any recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Singles

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