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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Accessible Communities (AC) Minutes
January 18, 2023, 4:00-5:00 pm**

1. AC Subcommittee Member Roll Call:

Present: Warren Weissman, Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Vice-Chair; Cullyn Foxlee, Damiana Harper, and Christa Hewitt.

Absent: Lucy Barefoot (on maternity leave)

Staff: Elaine Stefanowicz, Program Coordinator

A quorum of five (5) members was present for the meeting.

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

3. Pending Fall Grant Proposals:

- **Island County Bus Seats – Cullyn and Warren**
 - **Warren and Cullyn gave a recap of their December AC meeting with Tiffany Wheeler-Thompson, Island County ACAC Coordinator. They suggested that Island County:**

- a. Use data from health resources that are available.**
- b. Emphasize what community they are serving in their proposal (people with disabilities or elders).**
- c. Make sure the bus seats are accessible (however that may be out of their control if the roads are maintained by the county).**
- d. For difficult-to-access bus stops, Island County ACAC will write a letter to the relevant county entity suggesting accessibility improvements and attach the letter with future ACAC bus seat proposals, if any.**

- **Cullyn made a motion to approve the Island Co. Damiana seconded.**

New vote: Five “yes” votes. Zero “no” votes. One recusal.

Proposal approved for \$9,595.

- 4. Scheduling of AC Subcommittee meetings for 2023. The AC meetings will continue to be scheduled on third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm. Feb. meeting is same date as New Member Orientation. We are hoping to recruit three new members to join AC subcommittee. Also encourage current members to join if they want a change.**
- 5. New AC Meeting Time: There was a discussion about changing the meeting time to either 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm to accommodate member’s work hours. It was decided to change the February 15, 2023, meeting time to 4:30pm. We will discuss this again when new members are appointed.**

- 6. Spring proposals: Elaine will send out an email to county ACACs indicating that we're now accepting proposals and due date is March 31, 2023.**
- 7. AC Operations Manual: Warren will be working on the manual and circulate it to the subcommittee.**
- 8. AC Webpage: Clarence will reach out to Emily to set up a time to work on the webpage.**
- 9. Warren wants to urge county ACACs to contact us about their prospective project proposals. We want to encourage them to "tell the story" behind their proposal and how it will benefit people with disabilities. We need either statistical or anecdotal information to measure the impact of their project.**
- 10. Damiana suggested that larger grants would have greater impact than the smaller grants AC has been providing, and that perhaps approving larger grants once per year would be a better approach. Clarence proposed that we approve both large and small grants, perhaps with different timing. There was a discussion about procedures and the size of small and large grants.**

Warren and Elaine will schedule a meeting with Elizabeth Gordon to discuss AC budget procedures. Damiana and Clarence will be included in the meeting in order to also have a broader discussion about grant procedures, with findings and further thoughts brought back to the full AC subcommittee at the next regular meeting.

- 11. Elaine mentioned an issue with Walla Walla's spring 2022 rack card contract. She will follow up with Warren and Elizabeth.**

Next AC Subcommittee Meeting:

February 15, 2023, at 4:30 pm