

## Suffolk County Disabilities Advisory Board

June 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Approved

A meeting of the Suffolk County Disabilities Advisory Board was held on June 26, 2013 in the Conference Room of Building 158, North County Complex, Hauppauge at 2:05 pm, Chairperson Roy Probeyahn presided.

### **PRESENT:**

#### **GROUP A**

Frank Krotzschinsky, Esq.  
Marjorie E. Acevedo  
Barbara Falkman

Representing County Executive Steven Bellone  
Representing Presiding Officer William Lindsay  
S. C. Dept. of Health Services/Div. Services for Children  
with Special Needs  
S. C. Department of Social Services  
Representing SCDPW Transportation Division

Linda O'Donohoe  
Chris Chatterton

#### **GROUP B**

Kleo King, Esq.  
Joseph Delgado

Member  
Member

#### **GROUP C**

Joani Madarash

Member

#### **GROUP D**

Roy Probeyahn  
Douglas King  
Beverly Cody  
Clifford Hymowitz  
Sandy Silver  
Glenn Campbell, Esq.

Member, Chairperson  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member

**GUESTS:** Robin Mayr, Erin King, Brenda De Jong, Dan Hittleman

**STAFF:** Heidi Zeitler, Principal Clerk, Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities

**EXCUSED:** Barbara LoMoriello, Rep., Legislator William Spencer, MD, Mike Stoltz, Carolyn Bossert, Donna Passin, Terry Maccarrone, James Kokindo, Stephen Astuto, Valerie Lewis, Diane Gaines, Mitch Shapiro, Garrett Hulett, Michelle Santantonio, Teresa Strum, Carolyn Schick, Albert Rizzi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2013:** Roy asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes as distributed. There were none, Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed and Beverly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Roy spoke about the Newsday article in hand-outs regarding the \$90 million in cuts which were restored for the disabled. Roy also mentioned the article in the handouts about the individualized education plan diplomas (IEP) being replaced by a "career development and occupational studies commencement credential." Roy also announced that Executive Deputy Commissioner, Jim Moran (OPWDD) has retired.

**Architectural Barriers** - Lew was excused.

**Community Partnership** - Frank had nothing new to report.

**Education** - Teresa was excused.

**508 ADA Compliance Committee** - Albert was excused.

**Housing** - Michelle was excused.

**Legislation** - Vacant.

**Transportation:** Valerie was excused but sent the following report:

I believe that I have mentioned it at a past meeting, but I just wanted to ask to be excused from the June SCDAB meeting. Over the next week, I will be at two conferences in Chicago.

Please share with the group that I have a transportation sub-committee meeting scheduled for July 9th. I will bring information from that meeting to the next SCDAB meeting.

Additionally, a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the county and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, to provide county informational materials in alternative formats for people with disabilities, has been sent to the county legal department and we are awaiting the official response to begin this process.

Cliff mentioned that he has been trying to meet with Legislator Kennedy regarding the Consumer Affairs Office having an existing Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC); however they haven't hired anyone yet. Cliff feels this could bring money to Suffolk County and also believes it would then require the taxi cab companies to purchase an accessible taxi cab before the state takes over Medicaid transportation. Roy suggested Cliff speak to Valerie regarding this topic.

**Employment** - Carolyn & Donna were excused.

#### **COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:**

**Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities** - Frank attended a budget hearing this morning and all departments have been advised to make 5% cuts. One staff member is leaving and will be replaced by someone else making a lower salary so the cut will be easier this year than in previous years.

**S.C. Parks** - Terry was excused.

**S.C. Department of Social Services** - Linda had nothing new to report.

**S.C. Dept. of Health/Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs** - Barbara Falkman had nothing new to report.

**S.C. Department of Public Works/Transportation Division** - Chris had nothing new to report.

**S.C. Human Rights Commission** - James was excused.

**S.C. Community Development** - Vacant.

**SILO** - Joe had nothing new to report.

**Acces-VR** - As previously reported, Sandy said they are still working on the new CRS Core Services and the RFP's are out. They are working on several other new programs for Suffolk County as well as continuing with the older ones.

**Suffolk County Rehabilitation Council** - Joani announced Suffolk County Rehab Council will have their last meeting of the year tomorrow, at 1:00 p.m. and a light lunch will be served. They will have a guest speaker from Genesis Creations-Home Modifications.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - Roy Beverly spoke about the ongoing problems in the Windbrook/Fairfield Properties where she resides. Beverly has been in contact with the manager but still had some questions for Kleo regarding codes, laws and accessibility issues.

Roy made the recommendation to cancel the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and adjourn until the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cliff seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m. **The combined meeting for July & August scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> was cancelled, so the next scheduled meeting will be held on September 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference room, Building 158, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Zeitler