



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
San Wong, Director

Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:30 – 3:30 pm - Virtual

Present: Victoria Carlson, Teresa Jorgensen, Jessica Fasselius, Adam Koch, Clint Sargent, Beth Wilde

Absent: Timothy Dowie

Staff: Director San Wong, Monica Stone, Tina Shaw and Maria Guevara.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wilde at 1:32pm

Approval of minutes from 12-17-2021 was made by Sargent seconded by Jorgensen, motion approved.

Financial Report

Stone reports the budget has stayed the same. Jill Fulitanto Avery has retired. There will be a new position in the division, more details to follow. Dan Tallon from IVRS (Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services) has been in contact with DHR regarding employment for persons with disabilities.

Commissioners Reports

Jorgensen has been working on her non-profit, teamed up with Waverly's RIM-Restore Independent Mobility. Mobility equipment that could end up in landfill is given a second life to help others in need. Sargent has changed career paths and is currently teaching. Fasselius is a new commissioner who was inspired to join the commission after adopting. Wilde has been unable to work on different projects due to personal reasons. Carlson due to personal issues has not been working on projects. Koch has been involved in disability advocacy as it impacts him. Currently he has a fellowship with Loyola Law school.

Department Report

Stone reports there have been some administrative changes. Commission policy recommendations are due October 15th of every even year. Commissioners were reminded Director Wong is our lobbyist if they would like to discuss anything with the legislature. At our next meeting we will speak more about commission work.

New Business: Representative Charles Isenhart

Stone reports Representative Isenhart was not able to join, however he is asking if the commission would be interested in an environmental justice initiative. Jorgensen reports she would be interested.

Old Business

Chair Wilde asked about updating the resource page on the website. Sargent reports in the future his students could help update the page. Wilde reports she can work on a resume template. She will reach out to today's unavailable commissioner to see if they would be interested in the task. The commission reports interest in a presentation from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation about their programs.

Disability/Workforce Data Project

Shaw reports research projects led by student scholars from Data Science for the Public Good worked with DHR to create a resource tool kit. Information was obtained from different state and federal sources. At this time the website is being updated to be ADA compliant and finishing up final data. When the dashboard is active, one will be able to sort by different data sources. Amy Desenberg-Wines, Director of the [Iowa Coalition for Integration & Employment](#) was a partner for the data project. Data showed a lot of rural differences. Due to differences in data codes it has been difficult to sort and time consuming. The website will be available online soon. This data could help employers understand needs better. Additionally data codes will be made available for people to use. Michelle Krefft at IVRS is creating a community engagement and resource guide for state employers.

Public Comment none

Voting

Dates for next meetings will be September 13, 2022, February 20th, 2023 and May 23, 2023. Motion by Carlson seconded by Fasselius. Discussed moving forward will have an in person option as well to virtual. Wilde is willing to Chair. Sargent motioned, Koch seconded. All in favor, motion carried. For Vice Chair Carlson was selected. All in favor motion carried.

Adjourn at 3:10 pm