



## Region I Disability Access Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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**The Chair noted that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8 the meeting was offered via teleconference (ZOOM) because it is impractical to hold a meeting with all persons present in person; all participants were able to hear one another.**

**Members Present:** Jeanne Helling, Nancy Steffensmeier, Jamie Phipps, Margee Woywood, James Sigwarth, Lisa Farley, Lynn Gallagher, Michelle Schmitt, Ron Axtell, Lisa Curtain, and Marla Loecke

**Members Absent:** Anna Stamat, Kris Cote, Mindy Meyer, and Lea Dahlquist

**Others Present:** Penny Ingles, Page Eastin (by phone)

**Call to Order:** Helling called the meeting to order at 1:34. Roll was taken, and It was noted that a quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion Axtell, seconded Gallagher, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action Item:** Motion Axtell, seconded Schmitt, to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019, Region I Disability Access Committee meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Page Eastin, IWD, joined the meeting via phone to discuss expectation of the Disability Access Committee. Codified guidelines were sent out regarding DAC. Some aspects should be determined at the local level. Region 1 is well organized. Plans were submitted and the State Committee will be reviewing to see what local committees need in leadership. It is the job of the committee to make certain Job Centers are ADA compliant. Ron asked when the State gets all plans compiled if they could share with locals. Paige stated that a comprehensive report to share. This will let local committees know what others are doing and can possibly get ideas. Any questions, should be sent to Page ([page.eastin@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:page.eastin@iwd.iowa.gov)).

**Presentation on Business Services:** Katie Bahl, IWD, presented. She works with the 8 counties in Region 1. In addition to providing Federal Posters to businesses, Katie also shared the information folder that she uses for business contacts. She discussed the information in the folder and how she uses that information. She shared folders with members that wanted them.

**Disability Awareness Month planning/discussion:** Annual Disability Month in October discussion followed. Ideas such as non-hearing simulation were talked about. Although members thought may be good idea, it was noted that it was similar to "black face" as being offensive. Hosting a luncheon with employees/employers to discuss how things work for them. Possibly doing a social media blast. How to market the event; meeting with sector

boards; and other options were discussed. Members will contact sector boards/chamber of commerce and return to next meeting with more ideas.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m. (second Tuesday of each month)

**Adjournment:** Motion Sigwarth, seconded Woywood, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Submitted by: Penny Ingles, Keystone AEA