



City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2017

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| Amber Madoll | E | Amanda Crosby | P |
| Beverly Richardson | P | Ann Roscoe | P |
| Amy Burke | P | Carl Crawford – Staff | P |
| Gerald Salveson | A | | |
| Randall Vogt | E | | |
| Michelle McDonald | P | | |

1. **Welcome**

We welcomed Darlene Zangara, Executive Director, Olmstead Implementation Office and Roberta Cich from ARC Northland.

2. **Approval of Minutes & Current Agenda**

Ann called the meeting to order. *Amy motioned to approve the current amended agenda, Michelle seconded this motion. (Amanda was changed to excused as opposed to absent)*

Michelle motioned to approve the January meeting minutes and Amy seconded the motion. Thank you Michelle for taking the January meeting notes.

To give Darlene sufficient time to share the information regarding the Olmstead plan in Minnesota Ann has tabled the majority of the agenda to the March meeting.

3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

4. **Current Disability Issues**

Please see Olmstead update under Action and Advocacy Reports.

5. **Action & Advocacy Reports**

a. **Parks & Recreation**

Updates tabled until March meeting.

b. **Wheel Chair Accessible Task Force –**

Updates tabled until March meeting.

c. **Olmstead Plan Update**

Darlene Zangara gave an overview of the Olmstead plan and implementation process. The Olmstead plan is an important piece of legislation and an extension of the ADA. A history behind the Olmstead plan was given on a federal level and how we are implementing the plan in Minnesota. In 2013 Dayton gave an executive order to establish a sub cabinet that includes 8 state agencies and two court appointed officials. The state agencies include DHS, DEED, Health, Education, Housing, Transportation, Human Rights and Corrections.

The Olmstead plan looks deeply into person centeredness. It is a blueprint that is unique to each individual as a whole and looks over 13 areas. The vision is to have persons with disabilities living, learning, working and enjoying life in the most integrated setting. The Olmstead plan is a public document that can be read and reviewed at www.dhs.state.mn.us/olmstead/

Darlene spoke specific to housing concerns by the commission. The goal is to engage and encourage expansion of housing options in Minnesota communities. Education of communities providers is key. It is important to work together, advocate, and provide education to housing providers, city planners, and other key stakeholders in accessible and affordable housing for persons with disabilities. It is important to create more affordable housing, improve abilities to gather information on these housing options, implement reform for housing assistance and improve future models. HB 101 (Housing Benefits 101) is a link where individuals “explore housing options, discover what works for you, and make a plan to get there”. <https://mn.hb101.org>

Darlene also spoke to the fact that “systems” are not always in line when creating an integrated person centered plan and if anyone has any issues when working towards goals within the system they may contact the dispute resolution line at the Olmstead Implementation Office.

6. **Accessible Parking Requests**

There are no current accessible parking requests. *Michelle moved to table the “how to’s” of the accessible parking request process to the March meeting. We will be inviting*

the Parking Engineer to a future meeting to discuss this process in further detail.

7. **Other Business/Announcements**

Business Accessibility for Customers and Employees, reasonable Accommodations for ADA compliance training is a free seminar for Duluth area business leaders. This training is hosted by several disability agencies in the community and is ready to be shared. Please sign send out to anyone who may find an interest and RSVP with Carl Crawford.

Ann motioned to adjourn the meeting and Beverly seconded this motion.

The next Commission on Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 1, 2017 3:00 pm at City Hall, room 303.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Crosby
Secretary