

**Atlantic County**  
**Disability Advisory Board**  
**Minutes: November 12, 2019**

**Attendance:** Joe Brown, Mark Petrella, Joanne Gahr, Trinna Rodgers, Ryan Penn, Doortje Schipper, Carol Ditmire, Bob Ross

**Excused:** Carol Ditmire, John LaSala

**Absent:** Maureen Kern

**Ex-Officio:** Cristine Chickadel

**Public:** Cassidy Penn of Mobility 123, Marisa Douglas of Atlantic CIL, Rob Klersey

**I. Call to Order:** at 12:36pm by Chairman Brown.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes approved without revision.

**III.**

**Committee Reports:**

***A. Legislation:***

1. Cristine reported an ADA Title II violation and settlement agreement in which PA based: Chesterbrook Academy, discriminated against a child for delayed toileting due to the child's disability. [https://www.ada.gov/nobel\\_sa.html](https://www.ada.gov/nobel_sa.html)
2. Cristine reported on ADA Title II violation settlement agreement regarding hotel chain: Holiday Inn Express, denying access to a veteran with a service dog. [https://www.ada.gov/landmark\\_hotel\\_sa.html](https://www.ada.gov/landmark_hotel_sa.html)
3. Trinna reported on the increase of website accessibility lawsuits and the continued trend expected: <https://www.adatitleiii.com/2019/11/federal-website-access-lawsuit-numbers-increase-7-percent-in-2019-with-possible-bump-from-supreme-court-denial-of-cert-in-dominos/>
4. Trinna reported on airline restroom accessibility: <https://pva.org/news-and-media-center/recent-news/court-orders-dot-to-explain-why-it-missed-deadline/>

***B. Access:***

1. Mark discussed his assessment of prior citizen complaint, re inaccessible street front at Tropicana out front of The Quarter.

2. Bob Ross expressed issue with Boardwalk Hall in AC and renovations occurring and need for better access. Stockton U will be having their graduation there in the spring. There are currently only 2 elevators- not compliant?

#### **IV. Old Business:**

Ryan Penn will arrange PACE speaker for our next meeting in March.

#### **V. New Business:**

1. Question arose on when the board is required, re the bi-laws, to vote and change board membership and status.
2. Cristine requested input on accessible beach brochures as approved and funded by Atlantic County for distribution in the spring.
3. Cristine announced DAB members have been named as partners and advisors to the planned 2020-2021 project of the re-drafting of the Atlantic County ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.

#### **VI. Good and Welfare:**

NJ man launches: 'Roll Model' tee shirt sales to benefit cure for spinal paralysis: <http://newjersey.news12.com/story/41218399/eric-legrand-sells-roll-model-tshirts-to-help-find-cure-for-spinal-paralysis>

DAB with Transportation Advisory Committee: Holiday Luncheon planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Crab Trap Restaurant

#### **VII. Public Comment:**

Marisa Douglas, Peer Support Specialist of the Atlantic Center for Independent Living, introduced herself and expressed interest in assisting The board with matters as needed.

#### **VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm.