

Atlantic County
Disability Advisory Board
Minutes: April 13, 2021

Attendance: Joe Brown, Joanne Gahr, Linda Klersey, Trinna Rodgers, Ryan Penn, Doortje Schipper

Excused: Bob Ross

Absent: Carol Ditmire, CheeKa Wu

Public: - Patti Thomas-Gloucester Co, Lisa Cerny-Gloucester Co., Anthony Lanzilotti, Susan Coll-Guedes, Dan Soltz, Atlantic County Law Dept.

Ex-Officio: Cristine Chickadel

Commissioner: (Commissioner liaison representation- pending change)

I. Call to Order: at 12:34 by Chairman Brown

II. Approval of Minutes: The March minutes revised and approved.

III.

Committee Reports:

A. Legislation: as presented by Trinna:

1. Battle of the Circuits on Web Accessibility. Ruled no coverage under the ADA, putting the burden on Congress. Case will be taken to Supreme Court. [Websites Not Bound by ADA Accessibility Rules, 11th Circuit Finds – Courthouse News Service](#)

as presented by Cristine:

2. Uber being challenged on their ‘independent contractors’ structure to circumvent the ADA. An all too common issue with rideshare companies’ drivers denying service to the disabled. [Uber Ordered To Pay \\$1.1 Million After Blind Woman Says She Was Refused Service \(forbes.com\)](#)

3. Appeal Court ruled no special training required for service dogs. Court ruled: Service dog registries lacked standards and a dog can be trained without formal schooling. This is the 1st ever ruling in the appellate court, addressing this topic. <https://thebark.com/content/appeal-court-rules-certification-service-dog-not-required-law#:~:text=In%20a%20huge%20win%20for,to%20their%20service%20dog's%20status.>

B. Access:

1. Pertaining to the 3rd legislative report. Linda comment that without Service dog certification or specialized training, seems to make an excuse for people to take advantage.

IV. Old Business:

1. The board members unanimously approved the final draft of our 1st edition of the Atlantic County beach access brochure
2. Ryan in process of drafting a DAB Brochure for our website.

V. New Business:

1. Cristine discussed Public Input survey for our Compliance Plan coming May 3rd. All board members requested to complete and share survey widely for this very important process in our county-wide audit of disability services and access.
2. Susan presented her credentials, experience(s) and interest in joining the DAB. Linda commented she appreciated her work in Universal Design for learning.

VI. Good and Welfare:

1. Joe commented that Field of Dreams is beginning at the end of May for a shortened season.
2. Trinna shared SJ Legal Services Guardianship Webinar.
3. JoAnn Gahr spoke about NetFlix documentary Crip Camp. As produced by the Obama's and

VII. Public Comment:

1. Lisa Cerny of Gloucester Co spoke about their disability services involving Covid vaccines, meeting times of their advisory council (Thursday's 12:20pm at their main office), and plans to create a local abilities fair. Chairman Brown suggested our boards collaborating.
2. Anthony Lanzilotti joined, stated he appreciated the conversation and will attend again.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm

Next meeting date May 11th, 2021, 12:30 pm via same conference call.

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