President’s Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities  
May 6, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Wendy Beckwith, Mariah Bellington, Doug Bencks, Kathy Berger, Chandler Bullard, Kristin Carpenter, Cathy Coakley, Kevin Ennis, Sylvia Foster, John LaCourse, Tobey Partch-Davies, Jeff Parsons, Judy Stevens, Nate Talbot, Janis Zrebiec  
Guests: Tim Peer, Engineering undergraduate student, Sam Lingeman, Director of GIS and Shawn Herrick, Information Technologist

I. Minutes  
- Members voted to approve the April minutes.

II. Membership Nominations  
- Dani Adler will remain the representative from CFAR.  
- Members approved the nomination for Kei Saito for the graduate student representative.  
- Jillian Hall was approved for community/staff member role. Jillian is the Program Coordinator for 4H Youth Development at UNH Cooperative Extension.  
- Emily Boysen was approved as undergraduate student representative. Emily is the UNH Chapter President of Best Buddies.

III. Accessibility Map Building Interiors  
- Shawn Herrick and Sam Lingeman from GIS, provided a demonstration of the pilot software applications for building interiors.  
- This application will allow users to view the locations of accessible doorways, elevators, restrooms, ALS equipment, wheelchair available seating, and emergency phones. Vertical/horizontal entry and exiting routing routes will also be distinguishable on the map.  
  - Sam reported that the software is device-compliant and should be applicable for use with an iPad and Android devices.  
- With regard to security concerns, Doug said that residential hall floor plans are already available on the web and additional campus buildings are being added. However, only general floor plan details will be available and security-related concerns such as location of live animals and hazardous materials will not be released as part of the shared information.  
- Kevin asked if voice recognition will be available. Sam responded that they have not worked on this application but will keep it in mind as the map application evolves.  
- Wendy added that they will work within the parameters of the software to apply various shades of color to prevent any color blindness issues. She would also recommend that, in addition to color coding, that the maps remain consistent in the use of symbols such as an “X” to differentiate the location of an elevator. She also recommended that we avoid using too many colors.  
  - If members have any other questions/concerns, they were invited to contact Wendy.

IV. BUDGET UPDATE  
- The commission was unable to use the $244 for the Access van use for the OISS planned excursion since the van had already paid for by another department.  
- Members reviewed the proposal received from Emily Boysen, Best Buddies, UNH chapter, to provide funding support for travel expenses as she is planning to attend the Best Buddies International Leadership Conference. In order to keep the chapter “active” a member of the organization must attend the conference.  
  - Judy made a motion to support using the $244 for the travel expenses. The motion was unanimously approved.
V. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

PROGRAMMING WORKING GROUP (Dani, Georgia, Judy, Janis, Kathy Berger, Sylvia, Chandler, Kristin, Linda, Tobey, Kevin)

- Events and Programs:
  - Proposal was received to approve $500 to support MUB Lecture speaker Delaney Ruston, M.D., who is scheduled to speak on October 22nd. She will speak on her recent documentary “Unlisted: A Story of Schizophrenia”, and her discussion will focus on the importance of raising the level of awareness on mental health issues.
    - After discussion, Judy brought a motion to the floor to approve $250 as there may be other programs/events coming that may also need our support. This motion was approved unanimously.
  - Toby emailed the office to say that she was able to secure Amos Winter, Assistant Professor from MIT to be the speaker for our International Education Week event, which is scheduled to take place on November 18, 3:00-4:30pm, MUB Strafford Room. Prof. Winter is the principal inventor of the Leveraged Freedom Chair (LFC), an all-terrain wheelchair designed for developing countries. Chandler commented that Northeast Passage has done focus groups with him and is looking forward to hearing more about his work.
  - Sylvia suggested that we set this event up as a “teach in” and invite faculty and their classes from OT, PT, and engineering.

PHYSICAL ACCESS WORKING GROUP (John, Lonn, Jeff, Doug, Elaina, Wendy)

- John reported that their group met recently and viewed a demonstration of the mobile map app that Drew Stock and Tim have been working on. Drew will be graduating, and Tim will continue on with the project.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (Mariah, Janice, Cathy Coakley, Nate)

- Nate reported that Janice was meeting with Video Services and the contact from WildActs to discuss the details of the sidewalk video project.
- The letter introducing the Guide to Bias Free Language will be sent out to members to review/edit.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Pierson (Sylvia Foster, note taker)