

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Minutes

I. Attendance: members: Wade Gibbs, Tom Miller, Mary Thatcher; staff: Sheila Thompson, Kevin Grunwald

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III. Minutes: Minutes of February 24, 2004 were reviewed and approved.

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IV. New Business:

IV. Old Business:

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a) Membership: It was suggested that Tom and/or Scott place announcements in their church bulletin requesting people who might have an interest in joining the MACPD.

b) Transportation Coalition: Kevin Grunwald reported that he had not attended the Coalition meeting, but had attended a meeting regarding changes in Dial A Ride service, which had resulted from the agency being underfunded. The DAR agency is continuing to pursue options for providing services, and the Town is cooperating to the extent possible to assure that cuts do not adversely affect services to Mansfield residents.

c) ADA Corridor: Kevin also reported that this is a topic of continuing research and discussion. It was suggested that articles be placed in the Senior Sparks and

Willimantic Chronicle advising residents of the services available through Dial A Ride, inclusive of the ADA corridor.

Following a general discussion regarding the scope of the MACPD, and the possibilities of broadening this scope, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: April 27, 2004 at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Thompson