

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday February 22, 2011

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

I. Recording Attendance

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), F. Goetz, J. Sidney, J. Blanshard, G. Bent, W. Gibbs (Chair), KA Easley (staff), C. Colon-Semenza

REGRETS: J. Tanner

Chair W. Gibbs called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

- ### **II. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for January 25, 2011 were reviewed. It was suggested to add that C. Colon-Semenza and J. Tanner made constructive suggestions about the parking in the Storrs downtown area. The minutes were accepted with that addition.

III. New Business

- a. "Other": G. Bent has contacted Donna McLaughlin from McLaughlin & Associates to talk about Birth-3 services. She will invite them to attend either the March or April meetings at 2:30.

IV. Old Business

- a. Brochure: K. Grunwald distributed a draft of the revised brochure. He will add a phone number and website link. Brochures will be made available at the Community Presentation tomorrow.
- b. Community Presentation (2/23): C. Colon-Semenza distributed copies of a program brochure that she made to be distributed at the event tomorrow. Presenters will each be given 3 minutes, with time for question/answer and individual discussions later. The event will begin at 12:45. J. Sidney recommended that we promote the State Office for Health Care Advocacy for their services. C. Colon-Semenza invited her to speak on this tomorrow.
- c. Storrs Downtown Development: K. Grunwald distributed copies of a memo that he wrote to the Director of Planning relating concerns that this committee raised about parking and accessibility. Greg used this in review of their application for zoning approval, and apparently this is reflected in his conditional approval. K. Grunwald will get

copies of the conditions of the approval and distribute them to committee members.

- d. Accessibility issues previously identified: J. Sidney reported that not all parking signs in Mansfield indicate the \$150 fine. K. Grunwald stated that he has submitted a work order in for this. She also said that she continues to see cars parked in accessible spaces that don't have a permit. Committee members suggested that she contact the police.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grunwald