



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda – March 14th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Roll Call of Members:

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from February Meeting

- **Any Updates from Pauline regarding Calendar for monthly future guest speakers**
- **Any Follow up/ Update information regarding Therapy Dog agencies from Pauline or Robert.**

Item #3: Claudia Correa Chief of Talent and Culture For the City of Revere Guest Speaker

Item #4: SEPAC March/April Events

Information was not available at time of posting from Robert Brown so he will update us during the meeting.

Item #5: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-Monthly Zoom meeting March 1, 2023

Two announcements were made.

- 1. The Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council is having its IL Education Day at the State House and remotely on March 23. You can find out more information by visiting there web site which is <https://masilc.org/independent-living-education-day-2023/> or Call the Independent Living Council at 508-620-7452/**
- 2. Up on the Hill, committees have been assigned which means bills and budget will start getting moving soon. Disability Policy Consortium's (DCP) main focuses this session are housing affordability and accessibility, parental rights in DCF cases, Wheelchair repair, Healthcare nondiscrimination, and Communication access at the state house. We have put together a [survey for Deaf, Deaf Blind, Deaf Disabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late Deafened people in Massachusetts](#) . If you want to contribute to any of that advocacy, please contact R Freyman at DCP directly. Their website is <https://www.dpcma.org/> (DCP and R Freyman is from the agency that facilities our monthly CODA calls.)**

Also, during the meeting, there were two discussions:

- **Discussion regarding filling seats and term length for Disability Commissions in various cities and towns**
 - **Most places count the beginning of the term from the person's swearing-in date, but it seems like some cities back-date it to a particular date such as Jan 1 or July 31.**

- **Discussion regarding Accommodations at large events for people who are blind or low vision.**
 - **The general consensus was that it's important to put information on how to request accommodations and alternative formats on all event announcements, in the minutes, etc.**
 - **It is the ADA coordinator's job to ensure those notifications are posted, and to respond to them (not the Commission's)**
 - **That said, if it's something big like an annual town meeting, it's not a bad idea to have some large-print copies of handouts on-hand**

Item #6: Commission Members Late Items

Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues

Item #8: Next Steps:

Item #9: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities Office works remotely. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday when you call our office at 781-286-8267. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

As always please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM