



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda – August 10, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

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Webinar ID 879 9134 6824

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Roll Call of Members:

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2021

Item #2: Introduction of new Commission Member Mario Grimanis

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from May Meeting If Any. (No Meeting in June or July)

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meetings May, June, and July 2021 – (No August Meeting)

- **At the May monthly meeting it was discussed how a Pilot program offering live, on-site ASL interpreters at three mass vaccination sites: Hynes Convention Center, Gillette Stadium, and Natick Mall.**
- **Another new program which rolled out in May allowed organizations serving people with disabilities and other marginalized and hard-hit communities to request priority codes for appointments at 7 mass vaccination sites.**
- **At the June Meeting discussions were had regarding city and towns adopting Hybrid technology for all City Boards, Public hearings, and meetings.**
- **At the June Meeting it was also discussed that some of the MA State vaccination sites would be closing and shifting to local pharmacies.**
- **At the July meeting there were continued discussions regarding Public meeting and hearings having Hybrid accessibility. Also, the AG office has been having regular trainings on open meeting law and Hybrid meetings. CODA will also be reaching out to the AG office to see about having someone attend one of our Monthly meeting to have further discussions. Likewise, CODA is also reaching out to the ADA with the same request.**

Item #5: SEPAC Events & Updates / Scheduled September Events

- 1. SEPAC parent survey results: SEPAC sent parents of children on an IEP or 504 a survey in early June. The survey was shared in 4 languages. Parents were asked questions about recreation offerings for their children and about topics for parent meetings. About 100 parents responded. A summary of results will be shared.**
- 2. September SEPAC meeting: An open forum meeting for parents will be offered to parents. More information will be forthcoming.**

Item #6 MBTA Senior and Disabled TAP Card Meeting

Item #7 New England ADA Center Webinar Regarding Recreation, the ADA and Inclusive Programs: May 11, 2021

Item #8: MOD meeting from July 20th Regarding Level UP to Equality Webinar on Understanding Effective Communication.

Item #9: Commission Members Late Items

Item #10: Residents' concerns/issues, questions, and Open Forum

Item #11: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities due to Covid 19 and the safety of all residents is trying to limit in person appointments due to the unavailability and use at our present office location. 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 office please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon possible.

We are working on solidifying another temporary location for our office for necessary in-person appointments determined by the COD on Friday mornings. We will update this information when available on the City of Revere's Web Site Disability page.

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.

Next Steps:

Motion to Adjourn:

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM