

**CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON, DISABILITIES**  
**AGENDA – May 8, 2018**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL**  
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**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call of Members:**

**Item #1: Dimple Rana from the Revere Healthy Initiatives Department was contacted by Community Work Services. This company is a non-profit organization assisting individuals with barriers to employment through training and employment services. Their program programming offers a career exploration program for young adults aged 16 – 22 with learning disabilities. The goal of the program is to help these young people develop their soft skills and then help them find volunteer/internship opportunities in career areas of their interest. Presently they had a student who is a Revere High School Senior. Dimple thought that our 2 departments would be a great place for him and we interviewed the candidate and found that we would be able to help out and allow him to get some experience and receive the training and hours that he needs.**

**Item #2: State MOD Regional Commission on Disabilities Meeting was hosted in Revere on Tuesday May 2.**

**Item #3: CODA- (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) Monthly Conference call Meeting on Wednesday May 2. Items on the Agendas included continued discussion from last month's call regarding:**

- **ADA Education and Reform Act" (H.R. 620)**
- **Alternative Housing Voucher Program, Massachusetts State Budget line item #7004-9030, and ask that you support increasing its funding to \$7.7 million dollars in the FY19 budget, from the current level of \$5 million**
- **Strong support for Senate Bill 1379 and House Bill 2498 "An Act Relative to the Architectural Access Board". S. 1379 and H. 2498 would align our state access regulations of the Architectural Access Board (AAB), with the federal architectural regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Aligning the AAB with the ADA is imperative to ensuring access to employment, housing, and equal civil and human rights for all people with disabilities across the commonwealth.**

**Item #4: Reminder of Scheduled Events for April: (Along with Events that took place in March)**

- **Autism Awareness month was a huge success. Children and families enjoyed many events in and around the community. Most were free of charge. Thank you to Revere Public Schools, Revere Recreation, Row Row to Revere, and Till Inc for your support.**
- **We held our first annual Walk for Autism on April 21st. We had over 300 walkers. We can't wait to do it again next year! Please check out our Facebook page for more information**
- **The next SEPAC meeting will take place on 5/23 6:00 PM at The Revere League for Special Needs 200 Winthrop Ave. The Agenda will be their Basic Rights Meeting**

**Item #5: Old Business.**

- **Update and Discussion About the Disabled Children and Young Adult Art Pilot Program**
- **Update On Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) Working Group Meetings. (CTN Population)**

**Item #6: Late Items.**

**Item #7: Open Forum – Residents concerns with ongoing issues, questions or feedback**

**Item #8: Reminder:**

**The Commission on Disabilities has office hours on Fridays from 8:15-12:15 in the Veterans Services Office in the rear of the legion Building at 249R Broadway which is next door to city hall. You can call for an appointment if you would like but do not need one. You will be able to talk to someone from our 311 Constituent Service Center on other days 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 they can transfer you to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.**

**Also 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 come and speak on it. Our Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.**

**Adjournment- Next Meeting will be Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM**