



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Agenda Notes – October 8, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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Meeting Will Broadcast Live Via Zoom, Revere TV & Revere TV YouTube Channel

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members Present: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barrone, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore – (All Commission Members Present)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from September 10th, 2024

- **Made by Pauline Perno & Second by Mario Grimanis.**

Item #2: Updates/Next Steps from September 10, 2024 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**

Item #3: Guest Speaker:

- **Rachel Chao, who is the Community Engagement and Clinical Manager at the [Community Music Center of Boston](#)**

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance)-

Monthly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

Meeting notes not available in time for posting.

(Here are the notes received after posting)

Announcements

- **The DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) was in attendance on September 25th as Governor Healey signed *An Act to improve quality and oversight of long-term care*, which includes the sorely-needed Estate Recovery reforms**
- **DPC announced they have hired Harry Weissman as their next Executive Director**
- **DPC also announced that R Freyman will be their new Advocacy Director and continue leading the monthly CODA meetings.**
- **DPC has its annual event on Tuesday, October, 15 2024.**
<https://events.humanitix.com/fourth-annual-john-winske-memorial-awards>

Discussions

- **COD members had discussions regarding their relationships with transportation agencies, such as the MBTA along with attending RTAG meetings.**
- **COD members also had discussions about the MBTA RIDE, including the FLEX program.**
- **It was also mentioned the MBTA is hiring “Secret Shoppers” to help test disability access throughout their system and services**
- **There will be no monthly CODA meeting in November.**

Item #5: Commission Members Late Items/Information:

Item #6: Residents’ concerns/issues- None

Item #7: Next Steps:

- **Follow up and any updates for future monthly meeting Calendar and Guest Speakers**

Item #8: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions, but if they cannot or if you want to talk to our department directly, ask to be transferred to the Disability office. Please leave a detailed message, and someone will get back to you soon.

As always, please let us know if you want something discussed or 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: Made by Jason Barrone & Second by Mario Grimanis.**

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM