

Bismarck-Mandan Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities

**September 12, 2023
(4:00 p.m. Mandan City Hall)
Dykshoorn Conference Room**

Agenda

1. New Members

- a. Carol Cristilli – appointed Aug 8
- b. Nicole Lund
- c. Jennifer Sick
- d. Renae Peterson
- e. Ashley Coles
- f. Brittany Hanson

Carol Cristilli, an independent living advocate, provided an introduction to the committee. Carol discussed her involvement with student driver test aid class for the local public schools. Brittany Hanson, program director for DCIL, discussed her background including acute care, disability rights, and nursing.

2. Review and consider minutes from May 9, 2023

Deidre Hughes sent out meeting minutes before the meeting. Carol moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and consider treasurer's report from May 9, 2023

Jim Neubauer provided an update on the treasurer's report. Jim discussed a returned check for a scholarship that was awarded to a BSC student who withdrew from fall classes. It was also noted that the bank is no longer charging monthly fees.

Deidre moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Devon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resource to support workers with disabilities (moneygeek)

<https://www.moneygeek.com/careers/resources/workers-with-disabilities-and-ada/>

DesaRae discussed a request she received from Moneygeek to place a link on each City's website. Jim stated that the City of Mandan does not allow outside links to be placed on the

Committee Members

x President, DesaRae Berreth, MDU, 2015 (Mandan)

x Vice President, Tom Schiwal, VR, 2018 (Bismarck)

x Secretary, Deidre Hughes, Bis-Man Transit, 2021 (Mandan)

x Treasurer, Jim Neubauer, City Administrator, 2009 (Mandan)

☐ **VACANT**, Burleigh County Auditor, 2020 (Bismarck)

x Michael Connelly, City Commission 2023 (Bismarck)

☐ **VACANT**, Community Options

☐ Ashley Coles, Bismarck Public Schools - CBEE, 2023 (Bismarck)

x Carol Cristilli, Dakota CIL, 2023 (Bismarck)

x Brittany Hanson, Dakota CIL, 2023 (Bismarck)

x Ryan Fugere, HIT Inc., 2020 (Bismarck)

x Devan Gross, Pride Inc., 2022 (Mandan)

☐ **VACANT**, MHS

☐ Nicole Lund, Bismarck Public Schools, 2023 (Bismarck)

☐ Renae Peterson, Bismarck Public Schools, 2023 (Bismarck)

☐ Jennifer Sick, Bismarck Public Schools, 2023 (Bismarck)

☐ Tami Ternes, ND Assistive, 2022 (Bismarck)

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website. DesaRae stated that the request will be denied for the sake of uniformity on both city websites.

5. Plan for October Disability Awareness Month activities:

- a. Disseminate posters
- b. How can we involve the news? - free
- c. Contact Mandan and Hit Marque – Free
- d. Dakota Access (additional free marketing options)
- e. Quality Insurance contact (Community Option, Pride, VR)

DesaRae discussed how the promotions of Disability Employment Awareness month. Carol and Brittany discussed how DCIL is engaging with their clients. Jim with work with Mandan to get the Marquee on Main Street updated for the month. DesaRae asked Jim if the Mandan Morton Library could change the exterior lighting for the month to draw awareness. DesaRae discussed the possibility of local news involvement. Tom will work with his supervisor to see if there is an opportunity to have a real-life story that can be shared with the media. Deidre stated that Bis-Man Transit can share any campaign materials on their social media. Tom discussed the employment level that Dakota Center for Independent Living has. Devon stated he doesn't have any ideas at this time but will brainstorm.

6. Flyer update (accessibility documents)

DesaRae discussed updating the flyer to ensure all documents are accessible. Brittany stated that she would be willing to work on updating the documents. Deidre will assist with creating the fillable documents for users online. Brittany will also work on updating the flyer.

7. Review revised scholarship application.

- a. Main contact for scholarships

This item has been tabled until the January meeting to allow more time for new members to become more comfortable in their roles.

8. Identify main contacts for financial assistance

DesaRae discussed the financial assistance elements that Mary Robinson had previously handled. Brittany Hanson stated that she would be willing to take over this duty.

9. Review and consider any barrier-free community requests.

There are no barrier-free community requests at this time.

10. Review and consider any financial requests.

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11. Next Meeting - January 9, 2024

12. Adjourn.