

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Disabilities Action Team Sub-Committee (DAT)
February 10, 2015 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on February 10th, 2015,
at 6:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
Cheryl Anderson, Chair Denise Heap Mark Tompert	Karen Frias-Long Lu Ann Schmidt	Ruth Giese	

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the January 20th, 2015 DAT meeting.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the January 20th, 2015 DAT meeting minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Hear, discuss and take action on planning for March 24th, 2015 town hall meeting to educate the community on mental health and substance abuse issues.

Ms. Anderson provided an update on preparations for the March 24th town hall. Ms. Heap read the press release draft aloud. The agenda is being drafted by Ms. Heap. The subcommittee also discussed the timing of future forums for elected officials and business community.

5. Hear update and discuss the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Ms. Anderson asked for feedback on the ConnectionsAZ, Inc. presentation from the February board meeting. Ms. Heap asked for more statistics in Mesa. In addition, hearing from Mesa public safety would also be helpful. An hourly amount of the cost per trip per person to go to ConnectionsAZ facility in Phoenix could then be multiplied of how many people were transported there.

6. Hear and discuss ways to evaluate the adequacy of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of ADA.

The board forwarded recommendations regarding programs for people with disabilities to Mayor and Council in its October 2014 report.

7. Hear update, discuss and take action on ADA inquiries or concerns received by Mesa ADA Coordinator.

Ms. Giese reported that since June of 2014, ADA inquiries included 5 calls about the facilities or residence. These calls are reviewed and referred to appropriate agencies to assist. Transportation receives calls regarding traffic light audio equipment. Ms. Giese will obtain statistics from Transportation.

8. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2015 at 6:00pm.
- Future Agenda Items:
 1. Hear update, discuss and take action on subsidized housing.
 2. Receive periodic update from transportation services for people with disabilities including reviewing a quarterly report and annual report on East Valley Dial-A-Ride. (May)
 3. Hear update, discuss and take action on periodic update from the Mesa City Court protocol for diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, and/or are homeless.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator