

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Disabilities Action Team (DAT)
November 17, 2015 Action Results

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on November 17, 2015
at 5:45pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap-Vice Chair
Cheryl Anderson
Colleen Byron
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

LuAnn Schmidt-Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Bethany Freeland
Anne Gervase
Paul Thomas

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. Items from citizens present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

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

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

4. Hear an update, discuss, and take action on the monitoring of the Mesa City Court protocol for diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, or are homeless.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the subcommittee.

5. Hear update, discuss, and take action on ways to raise community awareness about issues impacting people with disabilities.

- Create options for the best methods and topics to educate the business community on mental health and substance abuse issues for the second town hall meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the subcommittee.

6. Collect information and recommendation about ways to support the availability of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of the ADA.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the subcommittee.

7. Discuss and take action on recent updates to the LDS church organization involving same-sex couples. The policy updates have led to an increase in suicidal thoughts and harassment among the children and adults involved in these relationships.

Discussion only; no formal action was taken by the subcommittee.

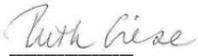
8. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:45pm.

- Future agenda items:
 - Monitor transportation services for people with disabilities including reviewing a quarterly report and annual report on East Valley Dial-A-Ride.
 - Hear an update from the Housing Director about providing input about design standards for adapting housing for people with disabilities.

9. The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Submitted By:



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