

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED CITIZENS  
MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2017 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were: Committee members: Diane Fatouros, Tom Sucher, Bill Eliasek, Micki Coppel, Darryl Taylor and Director Gerry Bartnicke.

Approval of Minutes – Bill Eliasek made the motion, second by Diane Fatouros to approve the minutes of the February 2017 Meeting. Minutes were approved.

Chairperson's Report - There was discussion concerning proposed changes in the Medicaid program including initiating a "Cap" on Medicaid dollars based on the number of people who live in the state and possible results of changing qualifications which would eliminate Medicaid access for many who depend on it.

Director's Report –Gerry discussed a request from Fred Stupen, Executive Director/Resources for Community Living, to utilize space in the township building for financial workshops for special needs adults and families. Discussion followed. Gerry will contact Fred and request additional information for committee members.

OLD BUSINESS

AARP Tax Assistance Program - Gerry Bartnicke reported that in addition to the usual Tax Assistance for seniors and residents with disabilities, there was a free tax assistance program for our deaf clients on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

PUNS Event - The March 13<sup>th</sup> PUNS event was cancelled due to inclement weather. A new date for the PUNS sign-up will be chosen by Community Alternatives.

Harper Intern – Melanie has been providing many hours of assistance to the Disability and Senior Services staff. Discussion followed.

Clearbrook Fundraiser - Gerry Bartnicke reported that she attended the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Windham Hotel in Itasca. She stated that the event was very well run and that CFDC member Carleen Emde was on the planning committee for this successful event.

TRIP program - Schaumburg Township statistics were discussed. The township did not go over their allocation for the TRIP program.

NEW BUSINESS

Deaf Support Group/St. Patrick's Day Lunch (March 15) - Sarita Phadke is organizing a holiday luncheon for her support group members. Group members contribute refreshments for their programs and enjoy the specially designed games created by Sarita and her volunteers.

ITAC Springfield Trip - Gerry reported that the annual ITAC training will take place in Springfield on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. All expenses for disability and senior services staff who attend are covered by ITAC. Gerry informed committee members that this training is mandatory for continuation in the ITAC Amplified telephone program.

Secretary of State Mobil Unit - Committee members discussed the services that will be provided by the Secretary of State's employees who will be at the township on June 2. Some services discussed were driver's license renewals, Eye tests, written tests etc.

Low Vision Fair – June 14<sup>th</sup> the Lighthouse for the blind will bring products to assist individuals with low vision or sight-loss. Attendees will be able to try the products before purchase.

Database Program - Gerry gave an overview of the hunt for a usable database to improve efficiency and communication with the disability and senior services departments.

Ability Expo – Gerry thanked committee members who volunteered to work the township booth last year. Committee members were asked to contact Lauren Perschon if they are able to volunteer that weekend.

Family Concert - There was discussion concerning the planning of a township family concert that would utilize the picnic tent, the day before the picnic.

Picnic – July 15<sup>th</sup> is the date for the annual disability services picnic. Discussion followed.

Bill Elliasek made the motion, second by Darryl Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be April 11, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.