

# ***Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities:***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 5, 2022 at 1 P.M.

### **I. Call to order at 1:04 p.m.**

Chair Chris Smith called to order the regular meeting of the Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities at 1:04 p.m. on January 12, 2022 held virtually on Zoom.

### **II. Roll call**

The Chair conducted roll call. The following persons were present:

- Jill Pidcock
- Terrence Gordon
- Christopher Gulli
- Janet Larson
- Erika Liljedahl
- Shannon Lofland
- Jennifer Roberts
- Chris Smith
- Josh Snider
- Daniel Brite
- Catherine Rodriguez
- Courtnay Schwartz

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting(December 8, 2021)**

- Minutes were unanimously approved. Jill Pidcock motioned for approval and Shannon Lofland seconded.

### **IV. Public Comment**

- Seven public members attended the meeting. None had public comment

- Adilene
- Caitlin Looney
- Connie Chavez
- Coral Cosway
- Linda Gleason
- Mark Simon
- The ARC of Colorado

**V. Basic Academy Subcommittee Review:**

Janet Larson updated the Commission on the work done by the subcommittee and what changes were made to the basic academy curriculum thus far. Discussion was held regarding adding more to the curriculum and acknowledged this is not the final product. Jennifer Roberts emphasized more work needs to be done. Documents from the subcommittee’s work were sent to the entire Commission prior to the meeting today.

**VI. In-service Subcommittee Review:**

Shannon Lofland updated the Commission on the progress of the In-Service Subcommittee. She highlighted four performance objectives that were created by the subcommittee. She asked the rest of the Commission add performance objectives to the file share.

She talked about the Tool Kit and how it’s broken out to allow agencies access. Shannon asked each Commission member to pick one topic and develop a curriculum for it. Discussion focused on the feasibility of this and decided it might not be workable in the time frame.

**VII. Next Steps:**

- Subcommittee meeting structure was proposed for next meeting.
- Revisited desire to have legislative sponsor attend meeting. Rep Frohlich can attend 1/12/22 at 1 p.m. and will be on agenda as a speaker and guest.
- Outreach to community organizations – curriculum, resources, and survey.
  - Discussion re: reality of meeting all the needs of community.
  - Suggestion to compile list of concerns from community that could be used in training to integrate voices and promote conversation.
- Discussed the procedure for steps after recommendation of basic and in-service and role in moving forward.
- Chief Gordon recommended a “Town Hall” type forum to hear from organizations/individuals in the disability community
- Commission scheduled Town Hall for January 19, 2022 from 1-3pm.

- Jennifer will complete outreach to organizations to promote their attendance at the Town Hall

### **VIII. Agenda Setting**

- January 12, 2022
  - 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.- Basic Academy Subcommittee(Agenda set by Chair)
  - 1 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. – Guest Speaker Representative Froelich
  - 1:30p.m. – 3p.m. – In-Service Subcommittee(Agenda set by Chair)
- January 19, 2022
  - Town Hall

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Chris Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Courtnay Schwartz