

Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities:

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2021

I. Call to order at 1:01 p.m.

Chair Chris Smith called to order the regular meeting of the Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities at 1:01 p.m. on December 1, 2021 held virtually on Zoom.

II. Roll call

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

- Daniel Brite
- Janet Larson
- Jennifer Roberts
- Jill Pidcock
- Debra Antista-Bianchi
- Christopher Gulli
- Shannon Lofland
- Chris Smith
- Josh Snider
- Jefferey Riester
- Catherine Rodriguez
- Courtnay Schwartz
- Shalyn Kettering

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved unanimously

IV. Public Comment

- Coral Cosway
- Mark Simon
- JoyAnn Ruscha
- Linda Gleason

V. DOL Role Presentation:

- A. Power Point Presentation sent to Commission Members
- B. Staff role is to support the Commission with technical support and resources
- C. DOL Legal Counsel is to provide legal advice on questions or issues that might arise
- D. After the curriculum is implemented, there is still a large role of the Commission to review what was implemented

VI. Discussion on Commission tasks

- A. Reaching out to Community Organizations to get examples of what they offer- decided to create a survey and approve survey questions at next meeting
- B. Subcommittee structure was presented but not adopted
- C. Focus on in-service was discussed since basic is uncertified officers
- D. Proposal to have each Commission member write down goals and have staff organize the data – agreed to move forward with this strategy
- E. Creating a survey for field trainers to help narrow down what needs to be added to the basic academy curriculum
- F. DOL Counsel was asked to contact the Legislative Representatives for the bill to schedule meeting with Commission members

VII. Agenda Setting

- A. Review of feedback from Commission members – Academy Curriculum
- B. Survey question review

VIII. Adjournment

Chris Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Courtney Schwartz