



Erie County Office for the Disabled

Advisory Council

January 17, 2020

Room 904- Rath Building

In Attendance: Chris Higgins, Hal Lewis, Dave Whalen, Patricia Wiseman, Sophia Roberts, Dennis Martinez, Kim Bandura, Rich Marino, David Wantack, Yann Spindler, Pati Aine Guzinski, Alan Venesky, Todd Vaarwerk, Jennifer Woroniecki, Frank Cammarata

-Guest speaker Jason Hurley from the County Executive's Office. Jason is the point person from Erie County for the Census.

- Let Jason know how many forms everyone would like
- They are in need of 3500 more people to help with the Census and are paying \$20 an hour
- You will count yourself where ever it is you are living on April 1, 2020
- Local findings: For every 100 people not counted the county will lose 2.6 Million dollars

Tracy-

- NY State is looking for participation on Technical Assistance for Accessibility
- Get Flu Shot!!! Incredibly High numbers this year so far
- Can do Hep A shots if anyone needs one
- Buffalo Special events planning are looking for a panel of people to give feedback about accessibility at events. A lot of places will check that that are accessible but in reality they really are not.

Dave-

- Homeland Security funding
- Fire Ems Training, Full day on February 6, 2020
- Safety Awareness with Accessibility, learn about Emergency preparedness

Frank-

- Disability Pride Event, July 26, 2020

- Still looking for logos for the contest
- Dan and frank met will Canal Side, frank will be meeting with them again.
- Rich and frank are working on Spread the word for inclusion March 4, 2020. They have ten different locations. Posters coming soon
- Frank is looking to do Disability Awareness training with municipalities who do not have an ADA Coordinator
- Please make sure you take the pledge for Mental health Anti-Stigma Campaign

Kim-

- Lost a member of her team, they are having a hard time with the loss.

David-

- Doing training with the Amherst Police Department. Looking to do training with Buffalo Police.
- Looking to push for open caption movies in New York State

Hal-

Will be doing Spread the word in Hamburg in March

Todd-

- Legislative season has started. Todd is taking a group on a bus to Albany to meet with Representatives on February 9, 2020.
- Working on changes to fund paratransit in communities
- Pushing for OPWDD to provide mental health services also
- Disability task force to meet in early February

Alan-

- DD Day is May 28, 2020. Looking for submissions for 45 minute presentations, the deadline is January 23, 2020.
- DAWNY Legislative breakfast will be January 31, 2020 at the Millennium Hotel

Next meeting will be 9:30am February 21, 2020 Rath room 904