



**ERIE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 20, 2019
Room 805- Rath Building**

In Attendance: Andrea Russell, David Wantuck, Dan Colpoys, Rich Marino, Alan Venesky, Lisa Kenney, Patricia Wiseman, Dennis Martinez, PatiAine Quzinski, Tracy Fricano Chalmers, Hal Lewis, Sophia Roberts, Frank Cammarata, Jennifer Woroniecki.

- Introductions
- Speaker Dan Colpys from WNYIL discussed Disability Pride 2020
 - Parade from City Hall to Canal Side
 - Music, Vendors, Food, activities at Canal Side
 - Disability Pride Logo Contest
 - Advisory Council will be the judges
 - Next planning meeting will be 1/9/2020 at 3pm, 3158 Main Street
 - Discussion about Accessible ramp for stage
 - Frank will try to get on the agenda for the next Buffalo Special Events Committee meeting to discuss ramp with them.
- Speaker Lisa Kenney from GBNRTC discussed Spring 2020 Champions for change plan.
 - 8 Tuesday Night Workshops 6pm-8:40pm 2/25,3/10,3/24, 4/7,4/14, 4/21, 4/28,5/5 Idea Summit & Graduation 5/9/2020
 - Many ideas discussed, Safety issues, Street Lights, Crosswalks, the stage at Canal Side
- Tracy and PatiAine stressed having personal preparedness kits stocked and ready for winter. The Ready Erie App is a great tool to have on your phone.

- They would love to come to different agencies to do a presentation on Emergency Preparedness
- They received a grant to develop a hands on only CPR training. They will bring the mannequin. Only hand compressions, no mouth to mouth, they train how to use a AED machine.
- Tracy also discussed Hepatitis A, they have seen an increase of 230%
- Rich Marino brought up some issues with NFTA bus stops and the snow removal. A lengthy discussion was had, Patricia informed everyone that it is the responsibility of the land owner the bus stop is on, not the NFTA.
 - You can always go to the local municipality that you live in or the bus stop is located and speak at there board meetings. They do not know there is an issue unless someone informs them.
 - Reminder to always clear the snow off of cars
 - Remove snow from all around fire hydrants
- Frank discussed the Mental Health Stigma campaign, he asked everyone to please take the pledge
 - working with UB and Canisus to get them on board with the campaign.
- DDSO started a rider service out to East and West Road. Community Services for Every1 is sponsoring it.
- Erie County has started the Live Well Erie campaign
- Disability awarness training 1/24/2020 9am-4pm. 4220 Bailey Ave.
- Spread the word for inclusion, would love to have people join the committee. Next meeting is 12/31/2019 9am, 2636 Delaware Ave.
- Frank, DDSO director and PatiAine to meet about growing close pod groups.
- David told the group that DAS is sponsoring an open caption viewing of Star Wars on 1/6/2020 7:15pm at AMC
- Patricia discussed the NFTA's new fair system, construction at humboldt parkway
- Alan talked about DD Day contest for logo @ ddday. Org and Completed Life plans

NEXT MEETING January 17, 2020 9:30am Rath Room 905

