



Erie County Office for the Disabled Advisory Council
July 19, 2019
Room 805- Rath Building

In Attendance: Lisa Kenney (GBNRTC), Patricia Wiseman, Pati Anne Guzinski, Andrew Marcum, David Wantuck, Dennis Martinez, Sophia Roberts, Hal Lewis, Fran Moyer (via telephone), Rich Marino (via Telephone) Frank Cammarata, Jennifer Woroniecki

- Introductions
- Speaker: Lisa Kenney from the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council. Lisa talked about a forum they are having on driverless cars. It will take place on Saturday August 3, 2019 9:30am-5:00pm. They will be discussing the safety of driverless cars; the access driverless cars will provide the disabled and those who do not drive. There will be \$100 stipend for those participating.
- David Wantuck from Deaf Access Services introduced himself and told us about his new role as Community Engagement Specialist.
- Frank let the group know that July 26, 2019 is the Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Saturday July 27, 2019 will be the Disability pride parade and Festival. The parade will take place at 10:30 am. Let people know if they around downtown at that time so come cheer on the participants in the Parade. They are trying to grow the parade. After the parade there will vendor tables set up, entertainment, face painting, kid friendly things to do till 2pm.
- Frank discussed ETHOS (Empowerment Through helping Others Succeed) A People Inc. AmeriCorps program if anyone is interested in Volunteering please let Frank know.
- July 15-19 is National Disability Voter Registration week. Board of Elections will come speak to groups. Early voting locations will be accessible. There will be an

accessible machine available at one location per community, and one per legislative district in the City of Buffalo. Strongly recommend using Disability machine, anyone can use the machine. Do not let a poll person tell you otherwise. David will be sending Frank some questions regarding ASL and the machines to ask the board of elections.

- Frank reported that October will be a busy month, activities including; career fair, National Disability Awareness Conference, Voter event, Outreach table at Central Library that will feature a different organization every day.
- Amy Bombas from the US Census will be at August meeting.
- Patti Ann reported she is attending a closed POD meeting with OPWDD, not enough interpreters. St. Mary's will partner with the county. Patti Ann would like to set up meeting to speak with groups about ECDOH Emergency preparedness can do to help people with disabilities in an emergency.
- Patti Ann is working on the 2020 Training Calendar. Give her a call and she can put your group on the calendar.
- Fran Moyer reported she attended a podcast on Magnusmode- Creating a more inclusive world. Fran is now the chair of JED Campus activities. She also reported that ECC will offer a Disability awareness job fair in October and career services will hold workshops on how to meet with employers.
- Sophia Roberts discussed advocacy around shared nonprofit space.
- Patricia Wiseman discussed the NFTA Tap and Go system, should be up and running by the fall of 2020.
- Hal Lewis reported he will have a group from Self Advocacy at the parade.
- Andrew Marcum informed the group they are working with Access VR to provide job training and travel training in schools and offices.
- David Wantuck told the group about Deaf awareness day at Fantasy Island on August 3, 2019. Tickets are \$15.50.

The Next meeting will be August 16, 2019

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10:00 am