

Disability Commission
Coalition Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010
Provincetown Public Library

Attendance: Michelle DeMarco, Jamia Kelly, Jo-Ann Diorio, Linda Loren – Commission Members
LuDalmeida, Randa Krise – Guests
HilaryMcHugh – ASGCC, Jill Brookshire – Foley House
Chris Hottle – COA, Maryann Compagna – Provincetown Schools

Introduction of all participants – Terri Nezbeth of HOW unable to attend but will participate in future meetings.

Introduction of Disability Commission and our goal to form a coalition of all groups who engage those with disabilities.

ASGCC –

About 235 clients – Provincetown, Truro & Wellfleet
Provide wrap around services – Health Care, Meds, Dental, Housing, Social Services, Mental Health

About 50% of Provincetown clients on SSI
Medical Care – Travel issues, especially off Cape
Assist with finding and securing affordable housing
Offer fuel assistance – Do not need to be a client

Schools –

20 – 30% of students have District Accommodation Plan
Team approach to meeting needs of students – meet weekly
Meet the needs of students with Mental Health and Physical needs as well as those on District Accommodation plans.
Recently had AIDS Education in the High School which was presented by the ASGCC. Positive response by students and presenters.

COA –

About 900 participants in programs.
50% have disability needs.
COA offers outreach as well as various programs on site.
Have wheelchairs, walkers, etc. available to the public.
Transportation issues especially for non-medical appointments

Discussion centered on forming a coalition of all groups and to use the town website to inform citizens and visitors about services that are available.

All participants agreed that they would like to participate in a coalition.

Next Meeting – June 9, 2010 at 2PM – Provincetown Library