



Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Monday, February 8, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Deborah Aymond; Laura Breaux; Jim Richard, Marcelle Pradier;
Peggy Stelly
Guests in Attendance: Mark Guillory; Vickie Nettles;
Staff Present: Lou Anna Angelle; Ben Berthelot

1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. The January meeting minutes were approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Ben Berthelot mentioned that he has received several calls inquiring about the Social Security Office. Deborah Aymond informed the committee that the Social Security office has relocated, which may have prompted the number of calls received.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Choose the Right Campaign** – This item was deferred.
- **Agency Resource Fair** - Deborah Aymond reminded the committee about the upcoming Agency Resource Fair to be held on February 12, 2010 at the Vermilion Conference Center for all Lafayette High School Juniors and Seniors that receive Special Education Services. Several agencies, training facilities and service providers will have information booths. This fair will also provide students with several sessions on the following topics: success skills, how to find a job, recreational opportunities and others.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Employee Discrimination**
 - ◆ Peggy Stelly informed the committee that she receives the Triangle Magazines and there were several interesting issues discussed that she wanted to share with the committee. The first item discussed was the involvement of the U. S. Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in filing disability discrimination suits against some employers. Peggy indicated that disability discrimination is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act.
- **Accessible Voting Polls**
 - ◆ Peggy Stelly indicated that she wanted to commend local parishes for taking advantage of the state funds allocated to assisting local governments to improve polling places to make them handicap accessible.

- **Disability Rights Rally**

- ◆ The Disability Right Rally will be held on April 28, 2010 on the steps of capitol. Each year advocacy organizations gather on the steps of the capitol to celebrate their accomplishments, advocacy, and community. This year's rally will focus on the NOW waiver for people with developmental disabilities and to the need to reduce the waiting list with over 9,000 people on it.



Disability Rights Rally
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- **Louisiana Serve Commission**

- ◆ Peggy Stelly provided the committee with information regarding the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's – Louisiana Serve Commission. She discussed the following:

- The opportunity to serve through volunteering and provided the committee with the following web address: www.volunteerlouisiana.gov.
- Peggy mentioned that Louisiana Serve Commission recognizes the contributions by volunteers to our state through the Louisiana Volunteer Service Awards.
- Provided the committee with the power point presentation provided by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



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- Encouraged everyone to volunteer when possible.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
7. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, March 8, 2010, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.