

Disability Awareness Commission  
Minutes  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
May 21, 2014 3:00pm

**Call to Order**

Co-chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:02P.M.

Commission members present: Julie Briggs, Kendra Gottsleben, Chelle Hart, Lori Lewison, Vicki Nelson, Sheila Sandness, and Walt Schaefer.

Commission members absent: Michelle Grimm, and Kevin Horner

Staff present: Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager and Carol Garry, Human Relations Technician

Guest(s) present: Scotty Briggs

**Welcome Guest(s)**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Hart moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 16, 2014, Gottsleben seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Continuing Business**

Committees – Updates/Committee Assignments

**ArtAbility** – Gottsleben (leader), Nelson, Sandness

Garry reported that we were not able to get March and April scheduled for the 2015 exhibit, but put a hold on January and February. There is an individual that has requested the March/April dates, but it has not been made definite yet. Anna at the MoVM will let us know if that changes.

**Awareness** – Briggs (leader), Hart, Horner, Nelson

Briggs spoke at the Chamber Café about hiring people with disabilities, the disability friendly sticker program and the DAC.

The NDEAM conference is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sanford Research. Last year's conference participants requested information on accommodations so that will be the main topic for 2014. They have Keith Bundy lined up for the motivational speaker.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA** - Lori Lewison, Kendra Gottsleben, Vicki Nelson, and Michelle Grimm

Lewison shared that based on the tournament that she is working on with LifeScape (Achieve); she does not think we have enough time to put together a fundraiser tournament this year. She is struggling to get golfers and sponsors; also staff has had a delay with setting something up at Kuehn. She recommends picking a date for 2015, get sponsor letters out in October and go from there.

Staff did meet with Dakota Golf today and they are more than willing to work with us and the July 25<sup>th</sup> date was open.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would put together an awareness golf outing in the fall and start planning for the 2015 event going forward.

### **New Business**

#### **Service Awards – Colleen Moran**

For their valued service to the City of Sioux Falls, Vicki Nelson (Dec/2008 – May 2014) and Julie Briggs (Mar/2011 – May 2014) were presented with service awards. Both are invited to continue to participate and also let the DAC know what is going on with their group/agency.

New members are Deb Aden and Sarah Jo Jorgensen.

### **HRC Report**

No May meeting, no report. The HRC participated at the Cinco de Mayo event.

### **Roundtable/Public Comment**

Nelson – Project Search had an end of the year celebration for the participants. They will have nine participants next year.

Personally, she is looking forward to the SD state track meet May 30 – 31 – Go Roosevelt!

Sandness – Sheila has been busy with spring cleaning. She found something that she can submit for the next ArtAbility exhibit.

Schaefer – LifeScape approved for low income housing/tax credit for a facility for young men who have autism limitations; groundbreaking in the fall.

School's out!

Lewison – Graduation at LifeScape had seven grads. She will be remaining on the foundation board for the new organization.

Personally – her folks are doing better.

Briggs – Julie – There's currently a lull in the disability friendly sticker program, but expects it to pick up again. She will be attending the Youth Leadership Forum in Aberdeen as BRN may be expanding to other communities.

She is recovering from graduation and the all- night party.

- Scotty – He graduated on Sunday. He received Roosevelt's player award for good sportsmanship. He celebrated at the all-night party – each student received \$50 in their gift bags.

Hart – They are remodeling at SBVI and she will be getting an office. There will be a parent education weekend in June in Aberdeen. July 10 -19 she will be in Las Vegas for the American Council for the Blind conference.

Gottsleben – The Center for Disabilities will be having two interns this summer; one has a disability.

The first week in June is the Youth Leadership Forum where she will be a mentor and she will be the keynote at the Dare to Dream conference.

Moran – Josh continues to work in our office and also at LifeScape. Scotty will be working for us this summer.

Public Comment: No comments.

### **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, Briggs moved to adjourn, Gottsleben seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.**

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for June 18, 3p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

These minutes submitted by Carol Garry.