



## **Full Planning Committee Notes**

MSCOD ADA 25th Anniversary Legacy Project

August 19, 2015

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Location: MCIL Board Room

530 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101

Present: David Shaw, Cindy Tarshish, Jill Keen, Marie Koehler, Craig Dunn, Linda Gremillion, Jim Thalhuber (Phone), Ann Roscoe (Phone), Mark Hughes, Joan Willshire, Andrea Bejarano Robinson, Kari Sheldon (Phone), David Schwartzkopf (Phone), Jonah Weinberg, Ken Rodgers (Phone), Andy Mosca (Phone), Karen Quammen (Phone)

### **Thanks to everyone**

- Members were thanked.

### **Feedback (debrief) ADA event**

- Good press coverage
- An Ex Oficio said it was the best use of tax dollars she had seen.
- David Shaw will resend articles about the event.
- Debrief with History Center will happen soon. Wendy Jones pleased, wants to discuss permanent exhibit.
- Leslie Orr's activity was not well attended.
- Jill Keen: people didn't know where storytelling was. Confusion over volunteer duties.
- Marie felt like she missed a lot, maybe rotate volunteer duties next time?
- People loved that it was free.

- Cindy: we needed a media greeter, couldn't find head interpreter, too many PCAs
- There was a disconnect with the grill staff.
- Andrea: there was confusion in NW suburbs with our event and Minneapolis event. Needed media to distinguish better.
- Jonah heard very positive things, but we could engage partners better in the future to avoid logistical issues.
- Some hiccups as was expected, but overall reception was overwhelmingly positive.
- Partnership with History Center was good, but a learning experience.
- History Center AV people were great
- History Center brought light levels up in exhibits to benefit visually impaired
- Involving so many partners is commendable
- Ken has not heard any negative comments
- People felt accommodated
- Gov Dayton said it was a travesty that the disability community was not better funded at the legislative session. He was impressed by the event.
- Craig stepping down as chair, but remaining on the committee. Joan is now chair.

## **Update on October 28 conference**

- Linda's email to committee members explained our current situation.
- BLN Job Fair is still happening.
- Venue change; Minneapolis Convention Center too expensive. State Fairgrounds would not work. Will now be in Metro Square Building lower level conference center, which is called the Ramsey County Conference Center. First and second floors will be for vendors. We will do shuttles again.
- BLN and Spinal Cord Injury Association approved new venue; Karen looked at the space and it will work.
- We have money to ensure accessibility. Changing to this venue frees up more money.
- We need to find lots for shuttles.

- Ramsey County is committed to making this happen
- DEED is on board
- Communication will go out to transition schools
- Twins not interested in partnering as of last year; will reengage them. Mark and Andy will connect Monday. SCIA reaching out to Vikings and Saints. Dean Ascherman may have a connection.
- Tentative agenda, from Linda's email.
  - Morning
    - Speaker: Lex Frieden – the ADA, Employment conversation
    - Documentary
    - Career/Resource Fair (runs simultaneously)
  - Lunch
    - tpt broadcast
  - Afternoon
    - Speaker/Panel Discussion with Q&A – Employment Dialogue/Digital Accessibility
    - Speakers (Pending): Senator Harkin, State of MN Chief Information Accessibility Officer (digital access), Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben, DEED, Private sector CEO/Business Leader
    - Career/Resource Fair (runs simultaneously to discussion)
    - Documentary
- Should know about Tom Harkin's availability by end of month.
- Mock interviews, resume writing will take place.
- Marie: can other state commissioners be invited to be on the panel? Jesson and Lindsay would be unhappy to be overlooked. Marie is concerned about excluding commissioners. Linda: commissioners will be at the Fair MSCOD booth, which provides a lot of exposure. Some commissioners could possibly introduce speakers at the October event. Panel is employment related, so panelists need to be able to speak about that issue. Ken thinks commissioners could be asked about 1414. Jill concerned by only having one employer on panel, suggests DNR and small employers.
- Scaling back event was a necessary step

- MSCOD Transportation Dialogues are a model for this.
- Greater MN Component
  - Will still happen
  - We can engage contracts now
  - Formal RFP is not needed for <\$2500 grants
  - We may have more money for this now that the venue has changed. We could send people to outstate locations to develop a partnership.
- Marie: promote that we are close to the light rail
- Jonah: Autism Society of Minnesota has found that having one focus for an event like this is best.

## Update on State Fair activities

- “Keep the ball rolling”
- Commissioners and artists will be at the MSCOD booth.
- MSCOD will be there every day
- State Fair is promoting us

## Next Meeting:

- None scheduled as of now. We will contact the committee through email.



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For a list of our partners in planning all 25th ADA events and activities, please visit <http://www.mscod25ada.com/project-partners/>