

# DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**DSAC Members Present:** Mike Volpe, Vice Chair; Lee Lazaro, Pete Rickey, Suzanne Brean and Edythe James.

**Guests:** Cathy Savage, Pat Shirley, Dana Marie and Clark Brean.

**Members Absent:** Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Chair; Jann Glenn and Rusty Burton.

**Staff:** Dave Toler, Lisa Bennett, Helen Beaman and Terri Sharpe.

**1. Welcome, Introductions (Mike Volpe, Vice Chair):**

Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm. Introductions were made including guests.

**2. Approval of the Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the DSAC November 1, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Suzanne Brean, seconded by Lee Lazaro. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Oregon Telecommunication Devices Access Program (Andrea Cabral, Outreach Specialist, Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service):**

Andrea Cabral, Outreach Specialist, Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service, gave an overview of the Oregon Telecommunication Devices Access Program (TDAP) to the Council. This four part program is funded by the Residential Service Protection Fund which is a tax every Oregonian pays for on their phone bill. Eight cents a month goes for dialing 711 which is a relay number for those with hearing, speech, vision or cognitive loss. There are trained operators that help with speech to speech, hearing carry over and voice carry over. There is also a Spanish Relay and Braille Relay.

TDAP also gives out specialized equipment dependent on one's disability. There are 48 phones they have to distribute. Andrea introduced a few phones along with their features.

In their brochure there is a four page application with the last page requiring a physician's signature.

TDAP also started giving out iPads with an accepted application to those with internet connection. However, you cannot have both a phone and an IPAD unless there are two qualified people in the household.

To return a phone one would call the Salem office at 800-848-4442 and they will send a shipping label.

This is a free service and Andrea encourages people to use the program.

#### **4. Information Sharing (All):**

Suzanne B has developed a canine emergency response button that enables a dog to be able to call for help. Her first production comes off the line on Friday.

Lisa shared that the COG does has a hearing loop installed in the upstairs conference room but uses a FM system that is also approved by the Americans Disabilities Act.

#### **5. Adjournment:**

The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.

The next meeting will be on February 7, 2017.