

Toms River Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

February 23, 2022 | 6:30 pm | In Community Room & Via GoTo | Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Leigh Simpson

In Attendance

Leigh Simpson, Diane Hutton-Rose, Judy Strollo, Tracy Fournier, Brian Case, Elisa Velazquez

Not in Attendance

Jane Tallmann, Veronica Maier, Alice Belanger, Gary Weitzen, Paul Perillo, Patty High, Adam Silversmith, Megan Miller, Chelsea Martin, Daniel Ribet, Martha Cray, Samir Popal, Theresa Sullivan, Laurie Huryk, Jessica Krill, Wendi Smolowitz, Christine Matus, James Barberi, Andrea Papageorgiou

Agenda Items

- March Events - Leigh is compiling a list of events going on in March. Everyone is asked to share known events going on so it can be added to the flier.
- Sensory Mobile Unit - Tracey shared that as of February 5th, we are fully funded for our mobile sensory trailer from Kulture City. The trailer will be used to bring to community wide events to offer an area of decompression for anyone overstimulated to then be able to re-enter an event. Kulture City has received the funds but still has not contacted Tracey back.
- Full CIACC 2/24 & I/DD CIACC 3/1 - Leigh is attending both meetings to promote the acquisition of the mobile sensory trailer.
- TR SEPAG 3/15- Tracey is attending the meeting to promote the acquisition of the mobile sensory trailer.
- Toms River Elks Special Needs Committee - Andrea, member of both committee's offered to provide an update on the committee. Leigh reached out to ask if the acquisition of the mobile sensory trailer can be discussed at the next meeting.
- Green Fair 4/6 - Committee was invited to attend the fair to promote the acquisition of the mobile sensory trailer.
- 2022 Food Fest 5/7 - Committee will discuss at the next meeting what can be provided at the food fest.
- CMC & CSH Groundbreaking - New Org Rep for CMC, Brian Case, discussed the groundbreaking event on route 37. CSH is going to close both of it's Toms River locations and combine them into the

new building; the third floor will combine all of CSH's services. The second floor will offer CMC services. The first floor will be an ambulatory surgery center.

- LGBTQ+ WAE - Chair of PFLAG Jersey Shore reached out to the committee to promote the group 'LGBTQ+ WAE'. The group is a community focused on social interaction, education, individual expression and advocacy for people in I/DD who self-identify as LGBTQ+. Leigh is going to reach out to the group to see if a representative can attend the next committee meeting. Diane had the idea to reach out to local self-advocacy groups to see if anyone would be interested in joining that group and to help spread the word.
- Diane discussed a groundbreaking at 21 Plus at their facility on Main St., where constructions for a hydroponics, sustainable farming, that will be harvested each month and plan on having a farmer's market table on Main St., to sell the greens as well as at local restaurants.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm by Leigh Simpson

Next Meeting

March 30, 6:30pm hybrid meeting. In-person in LMH Room and Virtually:

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