

Wichita-Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board
July 25, 2012
Meeting Minutes
Envision, 610 N. Main

Present Voting Members

Sanford Alexander	Steve Hinds	Tiffany Nickel
David Calvert	Ed Koon	Craig Perbeck
Brian A. Coon	Lori Lawrence	Valerhy Powers
David Gear	Lindsey Mahoney	Susan Robinson
Bob Hamilton	Sandy Martz	David Waldie

Absent

Glen Davidson	Kenny Hinkle*	John Sullivan*
De Eaton	Grady Landrum*	Nick Taylor
Rick Eberhard*	David Moffett	Shawn Walters
Jason Gegen*	Marty Rothwell	

*Notified of Absence

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Jay Hinkel	Shirley Wilson
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Guests

Rita Linnens—Kansas Truck Mobility

Judy Stengel—Volunteer

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 10:03am. Judy Stengel (Volunteer) and Rita Linnens (Kansas Truck Mobility) were present.

Chair Calvert asked that “Agenda Building” from the agenda due to the full nature of the agenda if there was no objection. There was no objection and the item was removed from the agenda.

II. Meeting Minutes

Alexander moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Coon seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Consent Agenda to Receive and File Reports

There were no items on the consent agenda to receive or file reports.

IV. New Business

A. Kansas truck mobility—Rita Linnens

The Mobility Rodeo, an event to raise awareness about the vehicles and equipment available to enhance mobility, is planned for Friday, Sept. 28, at Kansas Truck Mobility, 8846 W. Monroe Circle – two blocks south of Kellogg on South Tyler Road.

The rodeo has grown over the years and also includes a numbers of vendors who will have exhibits for those attending the event. There will be multiple vendors present and you can actually test drive the equipment.

One of the features of the Mobility Rodeo is the DIY Everyday Solutions, which are ideas submitted by customers of Kansas Truck Mobility to make living independently easier. Linnens said ideas from all years will be displayed for people to copy and take home. The winner of this year’s Everyday Solution contest will be announced at noon.

The rodeo starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 7 p.m. and includes 22 exhibitors. For more information, go to <http://www.kansastruckmobility.com>.

B. Project SEARCH—Lindsey Mahoney

Project SEARCH is a business/organization-led collaboration that enables young adults with disabilities to gain and maintain employment through training and career exploration during a one-year rotational internship. It includes a partnership between USD 259, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization, Kansas Rehabilitation services, ResCare Wichita, KETCH, and the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Students participate in approximately three unpaid internships (usually lasting 10 weeks each) led by a USD 259 instructor during the school year. It is the expectation that Sedgwick County directors and/or supervisors manage the Project SEARCH interns in the same manner they would manage other Sedgwick County employees.

For more information about accessing an upcoming Project SEARCH cohort please contact: Chisholm Life Skills Center, 2515 E. Osie, Wichita, KS 67211, Phone: 316-973-9500

V. Old Business

- A. Follow up from May meeting—Discuss operating policies with regard to public information and education.

This topic combined with the report on the study group, below.

- B. Report on Study Group—Craig Perbeck

Craig Perbeck led the committee to examine the scope of the WSCAAB. The group met three times and had significant outside input. The group provided three options from the study group to the Board:

1. The study group recommends that the WSCAAB establish a central clearing house information system for input and access regarding programs, services, and events of interest to citizens with disabilities and their advocates and to establish a budget that would cover the cost of the clearing house.
2. The study group recommends that the WSCAAB establish a process by which entities that are having an event can receive the Board's endorsement and advertise the event carrying said endorsement.
3. The study group recommends that the WSCAAB consider redefining the term "access" that would promote and support an accessible community as an attitude for all citizens through awareness, advocacy, and education.

Chair Calvert made the recommendation to discuss Recommendation Three first. Dr. Waldie stated that access should be observed from all perspectives. Judy Stangel asked about the definition of "access" and whether it was limited to mobility access. Chair Calvert stated that it should be program access under the ADA.

Jay Hinkel suggested that the current city/county staff-level approach seems to implement solutions faster and was simpler relating to complaints or issues with compliance or with improvements beyond ADA requirements.

Dr. Waldie noted it would be useful to have a clearinghouse of information that could be made available on the web, in essence writing down institutional knowledge.

Sanford Alexander stated that he was worried about the vast amount of editing and updating that such an undertaking would require in order to keep the information up to date. He also pointed out that it was important to get the information out. Alexander wanted to make certain that there wasn't a redefinition of the law with regard to access.

Chair Calvert stated that it wouldn't be redefining access, but simply clarifying scope. Chair Calvert stated he felt there was a rough consensus to look at the scope of the WSCAAB. A committee was appointed of Lindsey, Brian, Jay, and Dave to examine options.

C. Update on ADA Transportation Conference—Valerhy Powers

The national conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland. It addressed the ADA and public transit, taxi driver resources, driver certification and training.

D. Request for update regarding audio description at movies—David Moffitt

This item was deferred in order to acquire more information.

E. Committee Updates or Discussion

Sanford Alexander

VI. Updates

A. City ADA update.

Chair Calvert reported he had sent a letter to Simon properties regarding Wichita Transit and access to the Towne East Mall properties. Brian will meet with Simon Properties to attempt to negotiate access for Wichita Transit.

B. County ADA update

Lindsey reported she is working on dozens of projects currently.

VII. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.