



## **Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2013**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (12, November, 2013)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12, November, 2013 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Jesus Lardizabal, Chair called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Jesus Lardizabal, Chip Howe, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Adam Slosberg **Absent:** Ron Lucey, and Tanya Winters.

**Staff in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the October 14, 2013 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. All approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was discussed at the November 12, 2013 meeting of the AMCPD.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the 2014 AMCPD meeting schedule; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.

**Presentation:** No presentations were made at the November 12, 2013 meeting

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** These reports were tabled for the December 2013 meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS: for November 12, 2013 AMCPD Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the 2014 AMCPD meeting schedule; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Adam Slosberg to have someone come in the January 2014 meeting to discuss intellectual disabilities and brain injury; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public forum on the Affordable Care Act was held during the November 12, 2013 meeting. Highlights of the presentation are below:

- The Affordable Care Act was signed into law in 2008; under the act young adults up to age 26 can be covered under their parents plan. Some other changes include restricting insurance companies from dropping coverage, not covering pre-existing conditions and the creation of an insurance market place.
- The marketplace run by states and the federal government gives consumers the ability to compare and shop among available insurance plans, find out if they are eligible for tax incentives and to enroll in a plan.

- Those eligible to participate in the marketplace include individuals and employers with less than 100 employees. To qualify you must be a US citizen or national, lawfully present in the US and not incarcerated.
- You can apply online at <https://www.healthcare.gov/> or calling 211 locally.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Citizen Communication for November 12, 2013 meeting.

- Maggie Elestwani provided an update on Halloween Flood situation. Transportation through Red Cross and sheltering is working very well. However, it was noted that there has been an issue with providing evacuees shelter in an integrated setting instead sending them to institutions. The communication between partnering agencies has also been challenging leading to some flood evacuees falling in-between the gaps. She recommends more coordination between agencies.

**STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez notified the committee of the Executive Session room # 1027 for their annual worksession on Dec 16 starting at 11:30 am.

**Future Agenda Items:** Presentation on intellectual disabilities and brain injury for the January meeting.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the November 12, 2013, meeting by Commissioner Chip Howe; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. All approved.