

# AGENDA- NOTES

MCPD

Date | time 3/21/2023

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## Commission Members

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Andres Velez, GoodwillSR | Antonio Owens, CCG | William Jenkins, CCG | Carla Floyd, TSYS | Dianne Pope, Autism Hope Center| Elizabeth Holmes, BVA | Oree Crittenden, Access to Independence| Sheila Risper, CCG| Liz Miller ESP| Jennifer Ledenney PEERS |Laddia King CCG

*Attendees: Elizabeth Holmes, GaQuilla Hunter-Mathews, Kia Barrow, Dalia Diaz, Carla Floyd, Diane Pope, Andres Velez, Jennifer Ledenney, Laddia King, Katherine Andrews, Latisha Spikes, Liz Miller, Guests: Tori Stopford, Gabriel Jones*

## Welcome

**Organization Presentation** – Wheel Chariot, a review platform for the disability community that allows the 1 in 4 Americans with a disability to tell their own story and bring accountability to businesses.

Mr. Jones is present from Wheel Chariot to discuss the services provided. The Wheel Chariot is in place to set a standard for what business should be doing in regard to ADA. Users will be able to rate the accessibility of the business for others to know before they visit. They want to help care takers and disabled persons to have a better understanding of access before coming in by those with the lived experience.

The website is not up and running as a prototype and allows people to rate the accessibility (accommodation ratings)

## Meeting Topics

- New Members Application and voting

*Applications were passed around for review and voting.*

*\*Denes Brown- Sherriff: Carla, Andres, Liz, Diane, Elizabeth - yes*

*\*Angela Florence- Police: Liz, Kia, Carla, Diane, Angela, Dalia, Andres- Yes*

*Assistant Chief Debra Kennedy: Can attend, but not a voting member.*

*\*Ms. Dupree- GVRA: Carla, Dalia, Liz, Diane, Angela, Elizabeth - yes*

*\*Chloe Landered-New Horizons- Will verify if we have to Divert to Hunter as the voting rep.*

*\*GaQuilla Hunter Mathews-New Horizons: Angela, Carla, Dalia, Diana, Angela*

- 2023 Planning – plans for this year? When ?

*Mental health month is in May.*

*May 20<sup>th</sup> for mental health training.*

*Could we contact 988 for at review? Mathew Clay- Angela stated that she would reach out and see*

- Ideas for next meeting presenter.
- What activity would you like for disability awareness month (In October)

*Will pick up for the next meeting. A Suggestion was made that we have CPR-First Aid class.*

### **Announcements**

- Autism Resource Fair – Saturday April 29, 2023
- TSYS reminder - Save the date for May 16 Project search Graduation.
- Goodwill Tax season started – if interested please call 1-833-755-2179

### **Next Activities**

- Mega Resource Fair – April 26 from 10am to 2pm

### **Reminder**

The general purpose of the MCPD is:

- To identify employment barriers for persons with disabilities.
- Promote employment opportunities by raising awareness of the benefits of hiring people with disabilities
- Educate the public, government agencies, and businesses about issues, needs, and rights of individuals with disabilities.
- Assist in identifying and reducing barriers to services and resources and encouraging ADA compliance
- Collaborate with state and national agencies to facilitate services to individuals with disabilities – We identify community resources and connect people to these resources.

### **Questions or Concerns:**

### **Next Meeting Dates:**

March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18, May 16, June 20<sup>th</sup>, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21

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