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Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Bristol, CT 06010

Meeting Agenda - REVISED
May 14, 2025

7:00 PM – City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1 and Virtual Format

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Present:
Absent:
Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2025

Presentation: Thomas Mazzarella, President of Mazzmedia, LLC
Topic: Homelessness in Connecticut

New/Current Business

*Tentative speakers for June and beyond
*Update on installation of smoke/CO detectors from Chief Richard Hart, Bristol Fire Department

Old Business

*Lesson on American Sign Language

Correspondence

*From Chairman Micari to Lt. Jason Warner, Community Relations, Bristol Police Department:

Lt. Warner:

On behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I extend a sincere thank you for speaking at last evening's Commission meeting, and especially for standing in as our "keynote speaker:"

Your presentation on this weekend's "Sensory Friendly Public Safety Day, was informative, including your discussion of the Bristol Police Department's commitment to individuals on the Autism Spectrum and all those in our community with disabilities and of "all abilities".

Thank you also for answering the many audience questions concerning your department's responses to day to day citizen issues and support needs, during both routine and emergency circumstances.

Sincerely,

Daniel "Dan Micari", Chair

Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn: **Meeting adjourned:**

Next meeting: June 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: Brian McLaughlin, Director of Systemwide Service Planning, CT Transit
Topic: Statewide plan to revamp bus stops

Submitted by,
Andrew Collins, Secretary

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Present: Micari, Bajurny, Collins, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski, Olsen, Salmoiraghi
Absent: None
Call to order: 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2025 (Krolikowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Lt. Jason Warner, Community Relations, Bristol Police Department
Topic: Sensory Friendly Public Safety Day

Chairman Micari began the presentation by announcing that the planned presenter at this meeting, Brian McLaughlin of CT Transit, was unable to be present. As a substitute, Lt. Jason Warner of the Bristol Police Department presented.

Lt. Warner informed the Commission about an upcoming sensory friendly event on Sunday, April 13. The event will feature various emergency equipment and vehicles from the Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS. It will be set up to be sensory friendly, including no lights and no sirens, for those with sensitivities to light and noise. In addition to emergency vehicles, Frankie, the Police Department's wellness dog, will be present.

The event will also feature Carter Kits and the green and blue envelope campaign. The green envelope is used by hearing impaired drivers to notify emergency personnel in the event of traffic stops or motor vehicle crashes. The blue envelope is for those with autism.

The sensory friendly event will take place at the Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet School on Sunday, April 13 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Lt. Warner also explained the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which allows residents to register with the Police Department to notify them of their disabilities so responding officers can be aware of their unique situations.

During the presentation, Lt. Warner answered questions from commissioners and members of the audience.

New/Current Business

*Chairman Micari announced that Thomas Mazzarella, President of Mazzmedia, LLC, will present at the May 14, 2025, meeting on the topic of homelessness in Connecticut. Brian McLaughlin, Director of Systemwide Service Planning, CT Transit, is scheduled to present at the June 11, 2025, meeting regarding the statewide plan to revamp bus stops.

*Due to the absence of Jon Sahlin, ASL interpreter, there was no announcement regarding his band's upcoming events.

*Commissioner Graime informed the Commission of Pacific ADA Center's webinars which present on a variety of topics related to disabilities issues. She specifically noted upcoming presentations on April 16 and 17.

*Commissioner Bajurny stated that none of the CO/smoke detectors have been installed yet. The list of requests is down to seven. There needs to be assistance from the Fire Department and help coordinating schedules. There should be a discussion with Chief Hart about this issue.

Old Business

*Commissioner Bajurny led the Commission in teaching ASL signs related to Spring and Easter.

Correspondence

*Chairman Micari sent a message to Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Bristol Public Schools, thanking her for the presentation that she gave at the March 12, 2025, meeting.

Public Participation

*Commissioner Ewings commended the work of Amy Martino and related an event told to her by a parent of a boy in the Bristol Public Schools with autism who was being bullied that Ms. Martino was able to resolve.

*Lt. Warner discussed details of the Police Department's School Resource Officer program.

Motion to adjourn: Krolikowski/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 7:40 PM

Next meeting: May 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM
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Presenter: Thomas Mazzarella, President of Mazzmedia, LLC
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