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**Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Bristol, CT 06010**

**Meeting Agenda
December 10, 2025**

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

Our Mission

To promote inclusion and improve the quality of life for people in Bristol with a disability, by providing a network of partnerships with local resources that foster self-sufficiency, dignity, and respect.

Reasonable Accommodation Statement

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Present:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2025

Presentation: Iris White, Bristol Superintendent of Schools

Topic: Overview of Bristol School Services, Priorities, and Initiatives

New/Current Business

- *Chairman Micari: Regarding a requested visit to the Commission by a Girl Scout group interested in speaking with persons with disabilities about their lives
- *Smoke detector update
- *ADACC conference update by Karen Green. Will Commissioners participate?
- *Looking ahead to speakers in the new year

Old Business

Correspondence

***From Chairman Micari to Kristi Steinfeldt:** *Dear Ms. Steinfeldt, on behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I thank you for your interesting and informative presentation at our November Commission meeting. The presentation, on the wide range of services provided by "Caring People" and you personally, as a Home Care Consultant, in particular the critical process of matching clients with caregivers, illustrated the importance that your Company places on the helping relationship and well-being of all whom you serve. The presentation further conveyed your Company's commitment to staff training and development, through "Caring People University", through which quality of care and the nurturing of professional skill and talent is promoted. Thank you also for conveying your caring and compassionate demeanor, indeed a reflection of your personal professionalism. We look forward to future collaboration in support of our Commission's Mission.*

***From Chairman Micari to Gina Fusco:** *On behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I thank you for your presentation at our November Commission meeting. Your discussion on the topic of Neurodiversity was extremely informative, detailed and educational. The sharing of your "personal story", including your lifelong experiences and journey to explore diagnoses, to help explain the myriad challenges which you have faced and continue to face daily, was a powerful testimony of your resilience. I and our Commissioners also thank you for your entertaining and inspirational message and commitment to educate others, who may also face similar challenges of bullying, rejection and isolation.*

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: TBD

Submitted by Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary

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Present: Micari, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime, Reed, Salmoiraghi

Absent: Krolikowski, Tyler

Call to order: 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2025 (Ewings/Reed, passed)

Presentation: Kristi Steinfeldt, Home Care Consultant, Caring People
Kristi explained that Caring People was founded 25 years ago, with locations in TX, NY, and now in CT. Nonmedical private duty home health care, senior care, and home care for veterans (new program) are provided, with companion care as an additional option. Live in or hourly scheduling may be arranged. Agency staff are trained in cultural sensitivity and consider family communication a priority. Kristi advised interested families to sign onto the wait list with no obligation, as there currently is a one- to two-year waitlist for placement. She can be reached directly at 516-388-3812 or kristi.steinfeldt@caringpeople.com

New/Current Business

- *Chairman Micari, regarding the request by a local girl scout group with an interest in learning how persons with disabilities navigate their lives, will seek more information from the group.
- *A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming virtual conference presented by the ADA Coalition of CT in November and December. There is confusion over the cost to Commissioners. Chairman Micari agreed to contact Program Manager Karen Green regarding ADACC's previous policy of allowing three Commissioners to attend at no cost.

Old Business

Regarding the smoke detector project, Chairman Micari plans to pursue funding for the installation. Harley Graime, Emergency Management Director, will contact Fire Chief Richard Hart to arrange for an electrician.

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Commissioner Graime introduced Gina Fusco, who spoke about Neurodiversity and her experiences from childhood to the present time.

Motion to adjourn: Ewings/Graime, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:57 PM
Next meeting: December 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM
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Presentation: Iris White, Bristol Superintendent of Schools

Submitted by,
Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary