



City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities
155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Monthly Meeting Agenda – April 8, 2014 - 6:30pm

John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, Annie Dance, Paul Kachevsky, Joanne LaPorta, William Lewis, John Neumuller, Bobby Perez, Frances Ryan, Chad Sinanian

- Welcome & Introduction: John Gentile
- Review & Accept Minutes: March 11, 2014
- Phone Log: John Gentile
- E-newsletter - Annie Dance
 - reimbursement request submitted - update: email from Elisa Munoz on 4/3 - reimbursement check will take 2-3 weeks to process, she will let Annie know when it's mailed
 - Last e-newsletter sent on 3/28/2014 - Join Us in Observing Developmental DisAbilities Awareness Month and #DDAAware Day tomorrow, March 29 - for statistics & organizations that opened it please see addendum
 - next e-newsletter topic - Recognition Award to HART - media advisory

- Social media report as of 4/7/14

2014 Social Media Report	Facebook Likes	Twitter Followers	Twitter Tweets
April	23	151	222
March	21	143	Data not available
February	20	131	Data not available
January	20	110	Data not available

- 2013 -2014 Recognition Award update
 - Housatonic Area Rapid Transportation (HART) - reached out to HART
 - John Gentile has confirmed the Award will be presented at HART April 25th - 3:30pm
 - press advisory to go out prior, date TBD
- On Demand Transportation: (kept as an open item)
 - past studies have been done, we have a need for expanded taxi service availability and affordability
- Danbury Buddy Ball Program (training program for children): Update - Frank Reed
 - Will keep as an open item on agenda for future meetings
 - Rose Marie reached out to them to get a flyer
 - Miracle League of CT in West Hartford - John Slifka serves on the Board, will send John Gentile information to give to Buddy Ball organizers
- March of Dimes walk on Sunday May 4 - Frank Reed will be the Ambassador for the event

- Frank to send Annie details - we will send a press advisory
- will keep as open item on the agenda and promote the event closer to the date
- Open Discussion
 - Annie received email from the Director of U.S. International Council on Disabilities (USICD) for the Commission to become a member - \$300/yr. for an organization (see enclosed attachment) - are we interested? If so, discuss next steps - we can get an invoice from them for processing if approved by Mayor's Office - see benefits and details about membership on <http://usicd.org/index.cfm/join-usicd> (and attached)
 - USICD learned of us from our e-newsletter in November (11/20/2013 - [Join Us in Supporting the DisAbility Treaty - Watch Senate Hearing Live Tomorrow](#))
 - see us listed among other supporters on <http://usicd.org/template/page.cfm?id=252> and on <http://usicd.org/doc/USICD%20to%20SFRC.pdf>
 - next steps - John to discuss with PJ
- Next Meeting: May 13, 2014

addendum

- Last e-newsletter sent on 3/28/2014 - [Join Us in Observing Developmental DisAbilities Awareness Month and #DDAware Day tomorrow, March 29](#)
- over 190 people, from over 70 organizations opened our last e-newsletter:

Organization

abledbody.com

Arizona State University School of Social Work

Ashfield Healthcare

Baystate High Street Health Center

Bridgeport Mayor

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust

Carousel News

CBS

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF NW CONNECTICUT

City of Dabury Town Clerk

City of Danbury

City of Danbury - Equal Housing Opportunity Program

City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities

City of Danbury Danbury Recreation Programs

City of Danbury Fire Department

City of Danbury Health and Human Services Department

City of Danbury Police Department

City of Danbury, Mayor's Office

City of New Haven

Comcast - community show

Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

Connecticut Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

CONNECTICUT STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

CT Commission on Aging

CT Council on Developmental Disabilities

CT Dept Of Public Health

CT Dept. of Labor

CT Insurance Dept.

CT Legislative Management

CT Mirror

CT Permanent Commission On The Status Of Women

CT State Dept Of Emergency Services and Public Protection

CTemploymentlawblog.com

ctnow.com

Cuyler News Service

Danbury Children First, Inc.

Danbury City Council

Danbury City Council - 2nd Ward City Council

Danbury City Council - Council at Large

Danbury Daily Voice

Danbury Hospital

Danbury Police Department

Danbury Professional Firefighters Union Local 801

Dept Of Social Services

DHHS, 11 SHS

Disabled-World.com

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF CONNECTICUT

FAP-Friends of Autistic People

Hartford Courant

Health New England
LA Times
MA Department of Public Health
Mayor's Office, City of Danbury
Mental Health & Addiction Services, Dept Of
National Diabetes Education Program
News 12 Westchester
NH Asthma Control Program
Orange County Post
Register Star
Rhode Island Hospital
St Joseph hospital
The Cornwall Local
The New York Times
The News-Times
The Putnam County Courier
Time magazine
WDNB FM
Westchester News