

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC)
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2021

Present: Ranita Wilks, Dr. Steve Miller, Brian Ellefson, Joshanna Stone, Jason McKenney, Bob Cantin, Rep. Boog Highberger, Michele Heydon, Shanti Ramcharan, John Lair, Anthony Fadale, Marilyn Bittenbender, Rene Hart, George Beard, Todd Thornburg, Dean Hollenbeck, Robyn Herzog, Kathy Keck

Guests: Gabe Mullen

Staff: Martha Gabehart

Welcome and Introductions – Chairperson Ranita Wilks welcomed the group and asked commissioners to introduce themselves and give any updates.

Introduction of business that will require a vote – None

Additions, deletions, and corrections to the agenda – None

Approval of November 6, 2020 and January 8, 2021 meeting minutes – Bob moved approval of the minutes. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) Update – George informed the commission that the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) was approved by the Administration on Community Living (ACL), the SILCK had a new appointee from the Governor’s office and that they are looking for another person who is interested in being on the SILCK. Contact George or Kathy Cooper, SILCK Director, for details.

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Update – Michele updated the commissioners on the amendments to some of the HCBS waivers and the implementation of the Final Settings Rule.

State Park Accessibility Update – Bob started with a review of the issues with the three state parks he visited last year and the accessibility issues he encountered. Anthony reported that he reached out to Linda Lanterman, Deputy Secretary of Parks about the issues. Linda indicated they had jurisdiction over Hillsdale State Park and she, in turn, reached out to RJ Helms with the Army Corps of Engineers who have jurisdiction over Lake Perry and Clinton Lake. Both individuals are reviewing their parks and are working with Bob on the issues he encountered. Rene reported that she reviewed the accessibility requirements of their grant program for hiking and biking trails and will be working to see if grant applications could be given more

points for information given about how they will be incorporating Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility specifications into their project to get more points.

Executive Director's Report/Legislative Update – Martha reviewed her report that was distributed with the agenda.

Adjourn – Ranita called for a motion to adjourn. Anthony moved the meeting be adjourned. Brian seconded. Motion carried.