

#### **COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

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BILLY HUANG Chairperson

# **Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Held Via Zoom April 13, 2020

**Present:** Sally Esposito, Billy Huang, Tricia Palluzzi

Staff: Michelle Duprey

**Absent:** Kurtis Kearney, Robin Tousey-Ayers

Guests: Annie Harper, Aryah Singh

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Billy Huang at 6:12 pm at which time a quorum was present.

#### **II. Minutes**

B. Huang made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Palluzzi and passed unanimously with a vote of Yes – 3, No-0, and Abstentions-0. There were no March minutes as the March meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

### III. Chairperson's Report

- B. Huang reported on the following:
  - A. CT is looking to study housing and accessibility and possibly Sec. 504 with funding from CMS for all of CT. B. Huang and his group will submit a proposal.

#### **IV. Department Report**

- A. M. Duprey has been busy with COVID-19 related issues with much time spent on employee and general employment issues, testing sites, triage, protocol at YNHH, statewide issues, and the CT train advisory committee.
- B. The question of how people with disabilities will be tested for COVID-19 if all State sites are drive-up arose.

## V. Old Business

A. None

#### VI. New Business

A. None

## VII. Public Comment/Announcements

- A. Harper commented that she is working with Yale Law School on access to banking services for people with psychiatric disabilities using an online system.
- A. Singh commented that Yale University is likely going to a pass/fail system due to COVID-19.
- M. Duprey commented that CT Relay can caption Zoom.

## VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Huang and seconded by S. Esposito. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Esposito, Secretary