

2017 Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Workplan

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Committees: Transportation Committee
Housing Committee
Employment Committee
Public Safety Committee
Operations Committee

Standing Committees: Executive Committee
Event Planning Committee

Transportation

Key Steps

Vertical Seattle: Collaborate with a coalition of ADA Coordinators to find and publicize elevator routes to avoid steep hills in downtown Seattle.

Access Seattle Map: Collaborate with the University of Washington to find the best wheel chair routes in Seattle.

Work with the city to define load zones for access buses and wheel chairs taxis in downtown Seattle.

Work with the city and downtown businesses to make their buildings accessible to people with disAbilities.

Housing

Key Steps

Collaborate and work with constituents to address pertinent issues in housing for people with disAbilities.

Conduct monthly public meetings in Commissioner-facilitated space.

Constituent opportunities for community involvement and co-leadership on a larger work plan, i.e. legislative advocacy, research, and educational events.

Increase public awareness of the Commission, as well as increased community participation in Commission work.

Empowerment of direct constituency through shared narrative, camaraderie, and allowance for expression of lived experience through advocacy, education, and social change.

Employment

Key Steps

Review of employment-related legislation for timely comment.

Collaborate with County on sheltered work transition and make recommendations to the city as needed.

Partner with existing disability job fairs.

Explore partnership with DVR/SS to present on programs to support people on SSI/SSDI obtaining employment.

Partner with the Seattle Public Schools to promote YLF to Seattle area students and help disabled students in Seattle find Summer work. (focus on disabled youth of color).

Public Safety

Key Steps

Submit a position on/for legislation to remove malice requirements for police officers to be prosecuted.

Work with Thurston County Black Alliance, SAIL, Disability Rights Washington, and others on working together for justice w/r/t police brutality (especially racial justice organizations that may not be organizing PWD).

Work in coalition to identify areas for legislative and organizing work post-session.

Work with police liaison on training for police (inclusive of actual disabled people, not parents), including de-escalation training.

Operations

Key Steps

Manage Website Updates.

Manage Social Media.

Set up Google Drive/Google Form letter writing.

Text/Phone Tree.

Prepare and set up survey for Commission work.

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TBD