

COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

May 19, 2005

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center

Minutes

Attendants: Jackie Fournier
Pam Main
Paula Marcos
Pat O'Connor
Cindy Phillips
Dennis Phillips
Gene Potts
Julie Randall
Arthur Shepherd
Cathy Zumbrun

Others present: Christina Bishop, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Recreation Parks and Community Services

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by co-chair Arthur Shepherd.

The March 2005 minutes were accepted as presented.

Dennis Phillips introduced Jim Meade, HRO Director for NAVAIR. Mr. Meade delivered a presentation titled **Individuals with Targeted Disabilities On** (power point hard copy on file) which summarized the Presidential order of July 26, 2000 that set forth a goal of hiring 100,000 folks with targeted disabilities within 5 years. Bill Wagoner, Laura Lawson, Liz Strandberg, and Kelly Smith (all of NAVAIR) participated in the presentation and discussion. COPD members participated in a question and answer session and requested that the employment sub-committee follow up on any further meetings and action.

Additional discussion took place regarding the role of education at the August meeting. The education sub-committee agreed to invite staff from St. Mary's County Public Schools, the College of Southern Maryland and other educational institutions to present information regarding current services and a transitional education plan.

Members made announcements regarding upcoming events within the community.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the SMHEC.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.