



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Apple Martine, Director
Anna McEnery, BH & DD Coordinator

DATE: April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Agenda Item: Renewal - Letter of Assurance for the Accessible Communities Act: Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Anna McEnery, Jefferson County Public Health staff has requested that a renewal Letter of Assurance be considered for approval. This is so Jefferson County can continue to apply for the Accessible Community Advisory Committee, (ACAC) grant funding from the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment. Staff also requests approval of the ACAC membership list.

Since 2015/2016, Jefferson County has received \$206,311.05 in funding for ACAC grant projects that promotes awareness and acceptance of people who experience disabilities through education and access. ACAC projects have had a positive impact on people with mobility impairments, hearing loss, low vision and other access needs in Jefferson County. We have completed projects in Port Townsend, Tri-Area, Coyle, Quilcene, and Brinnon.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

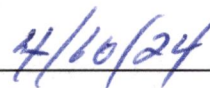
None

RECOMMENDATION:

JCPH management request approval of the Letter of Assurance for the Accessible Communities Act: Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE) and the ACAC membership list.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date



Board of County Commissioners
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Port Townsend, WA 98368

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April 15, 2024

Ms. Elaine Stefanowicz/Program Coordinator
Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
PO Box 9046
Olympia, WA 98507

Re: Renewal of Jefferson County's Letter of Assurance for the Accessible Communities Act

Dear Ms. Stefanowicz:

In accordance with the Accessible Communities Act (Chapter 215, Laws of 2010), Jefferson County assures the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment that it has established an active cross-disability Accessible Community Advisory Committee, (ACAC).

The Jefferson County ACAC membership includes people with a diverse range of disabilities and/or work in the field, volunteer or are a family member of a person with a disability. The following people are members of the ACAC; John Frasca, Sarah Grossman, Patrick Johnson, Debbie Linner, Emily Mandelbaum, Kelly Matlock, Kim Rafferty, Pat Teal, Richard Tucker, Shirley Williams, and Nancy Villagran.

We pride ourselves that membership includes people who are knowledgeable in identifying and eliminating attitudinal, programmatic, communication and physical barriers encountered by and for persons who experience disabilities. It further assures that this Committee is actively involved in the following activities:

- Advising the County and other local governments within the County on access to programs, services, and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement.
- Develop local initiatives, services and projects to promote greater awareness of disability issues that encourage acceptance, involvement and access for persons with disabilities within our community.

The Jefferson County ACAC is grateful for the most recent round of grant funding. The following is a list of funded projects we are working on with the intention of improving awareness, access and inclusion for people with disabilities in our community.

- Key City Public Theatre/Improved Accessibility to Theater Arts with Technology
- Jefferson Land Trust Illahee Preserve/ Improved Accessibility
- NAMI: Mental Health-Stigma Project/Providing Educational Resources for Community Members to see Mental Health as a Disability

When people who experience disabilities are welcomed and included in all aspects of our communities, everyone benefits. Having an ACAC in Jefferson County has created positive opportunities and we look forward to continuing this partnership.

Included with this letter is a current list of ACAC members and their affiliations. The undersigned certifies the above assurances concerning the ACAC membership have been met.

Sincerely,

Jefferson County Commissioner

Kate Dean, Chair, Dist. No. 1

Heidi Eisenhour, Dist. No. 2

Greg Brotherton, Dist. No. 3

Attachment: Current List Jefferson County ACAC members



LIST of CURRENT JEFFERSON COUNTY
ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
& AFFILIATIONS

April 10, 2024

Name	Affiliation
John Frasca	Treasurer/Disability Awareness Starts Here, (DASH) Group Jefferson Transit Advisory Group member Accessible Public Transportation Advocate---Consumer/Voting Member
Sarah Grossman	Physical Therapist/ B-3 Early Intervention Services Jefferson Universal Movement Playground, (JUMP) President/--Voting Member
Patrick Johnson	Public Health Epidemiologist- Retired Jefferson County NAMI President---Family Member/Voting Member- Chair
Debbie Linner	Dove House-Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocate Jefferson County Accessible Voting Advisory Committee Member Low Vision Advocate---Consumer/Voting Member
Emily Mandelbaum	Former Leader- East Jefferson HLA Chapter/ Advocate-Hearing Access Member-Hearing Loss Association America Member- WA State Hearing Loss Association Consumer/Voting Member
Kelly Matlock	Parent of an Adult with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Member Family Member/Voting Member
Mark Mc Cauley	Jefferson County Administrator /Staff Member
Anna Mc Enery	Jefferson Universal Movement Playground, (JUMP) Board Member Jefferson Co. Developmental Disabilities/Behavioral Health Co. Coordinator ACAC Grant Coordinator/Staff Member
Kim Rafferty	Parent of an Adult with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Co-Chair Jefferson Universal Movement Playground, (JUMP) Board Member Family Member/Voting Member/Co-Chair
Pat Teal	President/Disability Awareness Starts Here, (DASH) Group Chair of the Peninsula Housing Authority Jefferson County Auditor's Accessible Voting Advisory Board Member Consumer/Voting Member
Richard Tucker	Executive Director- Jefferson Land Trust President- Jefferson County Chamber Blind Advocate---Consumer/Voting Member
Nancy Villagran	President/Jefferson County Council of the Blind Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Consumer/Voting Member
Shirley Williams	Formerly - Washington State- Lead Nurse for the Red Cross Board member Hospice Foundation for Jefferson Healthcare/ Senior Citizen Consumer/Voting Member