

Acton commission on Disabilities Announcements: June, 2014

Lisa and Mady have decided to revert to the Commission's original model of chair and vice-chair, as the current model of cochairs is getting too unmanageable to be in the best interest of this group. Lisa will be chair. Mady will continue to run the meetings. This means no three way deliberations with them outside of a meeting will be allowed. Please contact Lisa directly with further questions. Per Open Meeting Law, we are also going to be sending Cindy's meeting notes directly to Mady to write the minutes. The minutes will continue to need the approval of the group as a whole before sending to the Town Clerk

The Disability Policy consortium has several job openings (A) One Care Plan ombudsman for Central and Western Massachusetts ombudsman will assist in finding eligible individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, assist them in setting up a One care Plan, and investigating complaints and identify options to resolve conflicts for those members. (B) temporary position as Health Care advocate will do research for Disability Policy Consortium's Disability Advocates Advancing our Health Care Rights.

The Supreme Court voted 5 – 4 that states can no longer use a single method to identify individuals with intellectual disabilities to be ineligible for the death penalty. Instead of simply using an IQ tested at less than 70, states must now have a more thorough set of holistic evaluations before determining eligibility.

On June 26, the disability Policy consortium will be holding its gubernatorial Forum at the Perkins School for the Blind at 1:00