

WHATCOM COUNTY - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: Wednesday, June 26th 2024 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Lyn Salazar
John Radwanski
Paul Glasser

ADA Coordinator and County Representatives:

Karen Hemmett, ADA Coordinator, HR Rep
Julie Smith, HR Office Coordinator
Daniel Goger, Special Projects Manager, WC Facilities

Guest Speaker: Naomi Siegel, Program Specialist,
WC Health Department

1. Welcome, roll call, meeting instructions (Karen Hemmett)

- Roll call was taken and meeting commenced at 1:02pm.

2. Whatcom County Facilities Report: (Daniel Goger)

- Karen asked Daniel for any updates regarding the ordering of signs to redirect persons with oversized wheelchairs to the South entrance of the courthouse due to limited space on the rotunda elevator. Danny will look into this and will provide updates during the next meeting.
- Facilities is currently installing door openers on the 5th floor restrooms, which will complete compliance concerns for the restrooms located on the 5th, 4th, and 1st floors of the courthouse.
- There is currently a contractor working on installing an opener to the courtroom on the 4th floor and Facilities will soon have a contractor install an opener to the courtroom on the 3rd floor as well.

3. Guest speaker: (Naomi Siegel)

- Naomi is a Program Specialist for the Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Program with Whatcom County's Health Department. Her scope of work is relevant to the same goals as the ADA Committees'.
 - She is developing a program for local businesses to receive assistance with becoming all-inclusive and ADA compliant. There are several components to this such as providing training, suggestions, having appointed employees to assist with the program etc.
 - She is looking to the Committee to possibly provide volunteers to test website and physical site accessibility to these businesses.
 - She can also provide guidance for Whatcom County compliance.

4. Public comment period: None

5. Next Meeting: September 25, 2024 1:00 PM

6. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 1:23 pm