



THE NAVAJO NATION

Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability
Dine Education Center-Large Conference Room
Window Rock, AZ
November 17, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

AGENDA

A. Meeting- Called to order @ 1:24 p.m.

B. Invocation - Emmett Betsuie

C. Roll Call:

✓ **Hoskie Benally Jr., President**

Ex Elsie Dee, Member

✓ **Sylvia McKinley, Vice-President**

Ex Roger B. Johnson, Member

✓ **Janice Begay, Secretary/Treasurer**

✓ **Rose M. Zunie, Member**

✓ **Cecilia Benally, Member**

Ex Stephanie L. Benally, Member

✓ **Emmett Betsuie, Member**

UE Joe T. Thompson

D. Acceptance of Agenda

Motioned by: Rose Zunie Motion Seconded by: Cecelia Benally 5 F 0 O 0 A.

E. **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes- May 11, 2011**

Motioned by: Rose Zunie Motion Seconded by: Emmett Betsuie 5 F 0 O 0 A.

F. UPDATE: Navajo Nation Adult Protection Act

G. NNACOD 2011 Annual Conference – Evaluation Review

H. Proposed NNACOD Initiatives for 2011 -20012

- Adult Protection Act
- Public Accessibility Report and Resolution
- Public Transportation for Navajos with a Disability
- Survey of Polling Sites for Disability Accessibility
- Accessibility to NHA Housing Services
- Navajo Nation Employment of Persons with a Disability
- Public Awareness of the Issues and Needs of Navajos with Disabilities.
- Mechanism for Filing disability related complaints.

L. Next Meeting:

Date January 19, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: W/R Education Center

M. Meeting Adjourned @ 3:03 p.m.

Motioned by: Sylvia McKinley Motion Seconded by: Cecelia Benally 5F 0 O 0 A

Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability
Regular Meeting minutes from November 17, 2011
Window Rock, Arizona

Meeting was called to order by President, Hoskie Benally at 1:25 p.m.
Invocation was done by Emmett Betsuie, member.
Roll call was done by Secretary, Janice Begay.

In attendance was President, Hoskie Benally; Vice-President, Sylvia McKinley; Secretary, Janice Begay; Members, Cecelia Benally, Rose Zunie and Emmett Betsuie. Not in attendance and being excused for this meeting were Members, Elsie Dee and Stephanie Benally Joe Thompson was not in attendance at all.

Acceptance of Agenda was read by Janice Begay. **Motion to accept agenda was made by Rose Zunie and seconded by Cecelia Benally. 5 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain.**

Last meeting minutes from September 1, 2011 was read by Janice Begay. **Motion to accept meeting minutes was made by Rose Zunie and seconded by Emmett Betsuie. 5 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain.**

Update of the Navajo Nation Adult Protection Act was reported by President Hoskie Benally and OSER's representative, Regina Martinez, they shared a copy of the proposed agenda for Naabikiyati meeting at the council chambers at 11:00 am. The act should be up about 2:00 or 3:00 pm unless they move it up.

NNACOD 2011 Annual Conference reviews were done by OSER representative, Regina Martinez, she mentioned there was at least 35 reviews received and we didn't have KTNN remote on site. Next year we need to avoid back to back events, we can look at Red Rock State Park for next year's conference, (proposed site). President Hoskie Benally mentioned to send him a final copy of the conference agenda, I want the data for the survey reviews compiled, get it as soon as possible so (President Benally) the data can be available for the 1st Qtr report and then it can be reported to the council.

Proposed NNACOD Initiatives for 2011-2012:

- Adult Protection Act- The next thing we have to do is get a plan of how we are going to notify the act being passed to people with disabilities- public relations, media, go out and schedule meetings across the reservation and go over the act, (just a thought). How do we educate the public? We need the NN President office's assistance to alert all Navajo Nation Divisions/Committees and ask him to ask for them to support the act. Law enforcement wanted training and how to enforce the act and know how to deal with situations when they come up. Ken Collins knows of who can provide training on how to assist the victim.
- Public Building Accessibility Report and Resolution: ANA Grant 2011, this is the surveys we compiled when we did the different surveys, we have a total of 15 locations surveyed. The introduction is justifying assessment needs. Survey tool-how it was conducted, we looked at four areas and broke it down again. Specifically summarized these concerns of the 15 surveys, 50% of it was non-

compliance and is not as costly to the Navajo nation to correct. The law center will publish in a more professional for/booklet and Honorable Danny Simpson will help through Health and Social Services Committee. We will have Honorable Danny Simpson meet with staff assistants of President Shelley before it is moved forward to health and Social Services Committee. The findings will end up in the Navajo Times and other media. **A motion to endorse this report and run with it and for the resolutions to begin the process was made by member, Emmett Betsuie; seconded was done by Rose Zunie. 5 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain.**

- Public Transportation: Are they wheelchair accessible? OSER representative was assigned by President Hoskie Benally to see if there is anything on the Navajo Nation Code or Department of Policy and Procedures on Handicap Accessibility. We need to find out bus routes and who the key players are for the Navajo Transit, who is the division director? Who is responsible for that department? Marcus Tulley is Department of Maintenance. We need to obtain their addresses, titles, director information, policy and procedures and any resolutions. If they receive federal dollars then they should have a policy in place.
- Polling sites: This is for any elections, federal/county/state/tribal, Navajos participate in all elections, we need to look at 3 or 4 different polling sites as well as Window Rock, Az; Shiprock, NM and Tuba City, Az. For the county elections we need to look at Apache, Coconino, McKinley, San Juan County and look into one in December 2011 or February 2012. Is there a voting booth for accessibility with a person with a wheelchair? We need to approach the Election Board of Supervisors and let them know this is what you need to consider: are you going to have a waiting place and other considerations during election time? In conclusion, Federal elections have districts, County elections have precincts and Tribal elections have chapters.
- NHA Accessibility Housing Service: President Hoskie Benally wrote another letter to the CEO 3 weeks ago. Mentioned that NHA is the one that invited us in when Matilda Claw asked us for assistance and that is how we got involved. We have been asking/requesting for it since July 2011, the Office of the President is aware of this and Honorable Danny Simpson is helping us.
- Navajo Nation Employment of Persons with a Disability: Does the tribal code talk about accommodations for people with disabilities regarding employment before the January meeting.
- Public Awareness of the Issues and Needs of Navajos with Disability: President Hoskie Benally mentioned he is writing some editorials and news articles, and looking for someone saying this is a problem and has there been any discrimination regarding NHA and trying to get 2 or 3 people and have the law center represent them. Employment or Public Transportation can also be used in articles and editorials. We are doing one every quarter and when issues arise.
- Mechanism for Filing Disability related complaints: During the awareness conference we talked with President Shelley about where to go for complaints and we need some kind of procedure to take.

Next meeting: Motion to have the next meeting on January 19, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Window Rock Education Building was motioned by Cecelia Benally and seconded by Rose Zunie. 5 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm. Motion for adjournment was made by Sylvia McKinley and seconded by Cecelia Benally. 5 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain.