



# CAN Human Rights Table

March 15, 2018  
 CPAA  
 Minutes of Meeting

## Present

- Brittney Gavin** – Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta
- Keith Geddes** - Vecova
- Matthew Hagel** – Independent Living Resource Centre of Calgary
- John Miller** – Community Advocate
- Dalanee Boux** – Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta
- Matthew Hagel** – Independent Living Resource Centre Calgary
- Brandon MacLean** – March of Dimes
- Diane Dmytryshyn** – Calgary Community Day Services
- Harpreet Kaur** - URSA
- Cam Stewart** – Alberta Human Rights Commission
- Colleen Huston** – Disability Action Hall
- Taylor Johnson** – Disability Action Hall
- Beck Patterson** – Disability Action Hall
- Lee Tasker** – Tasker Counselling

	Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Participants introduced themselves and their interest in the CAN Human Rights table</i>	
2.	<b>Advocate for Persons with Disability Survey – How can the Action Hall and the CAN Human Rights table work together?</b>  <b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have feedback from Humanity &amp; Me discussion</li> <li>- There is work to be done to gather survey input from the disability community</li> <li>- We have two issues we see with the survey:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline is March 21, 2018; this is not a lot of time to provide feedback</li> <li>2. The survey is written at quite a high level – may not be accessible to some persons with disabilities</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Our recommendations:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend the survey deadline to May 31, 2018</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Brittney &amp; Action Hall:</b>            Work together to gather input on survey</p> <p><b>Colleen:</b> Connect with the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities to share our actions moving forward</p>



	<p>2. Interim advocate to help facilitate the role until a permanent hire is found</p> <p><b>Conclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brittney will work with the Disability Action Hall to gather feedback from the disability community</li> <li>- CAN and the Action Hall will work together to bring our recommendations forward to the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, the Premier’s Council and the Minister of Community &amp; Protective Services</li> <li>- To gather support for recommendations, we will develop a Change.org petition</li> </ul>	<p><b>Brittney:</b> Write letter with recommendations and send to group for feedback</p> <p><b>Brittney:</b> Post letter on Change.org</p> <p><b>All:</b> Promote petition</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of January Minutes + Action Items</b>  <i>Participants approved the January minutes</i></p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>CAN Event</b>  <i>Dalanee provided update on CAN Networking Event</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event will be held <b>Thursday, April 12, 2018</b> from <b>3:00 – 5:00pm</b> at the <b>CPAA (12001 44 St SE, Calgary, AB)</b></li> <li>- Will feature a presentation from <i>Abbas Mancey</i> from <i>Calgary Community Development Learning Initiative</i> and a panelist discussion with the chairs of each table</li> <li>- An opportunity for CAN members to network, learn more about the work happening at the other tables and celebrate CAN’s first year</li> <li>- There will booths setup for each working table; will require a volunteer to stand by the table – the CAN Human Rights booth will feature an interactive mural</li> </ul> <p><b>Conclusion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diane volunteered to facilitate the interactive component at the CAN Human Rights booth</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diane:</b> Facilitate interactive activity at CAN Networking Event on behalf of the CAN Human Rights table</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Review Priorities</b></p> <p><b>a. Disability Charter of Rights update</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John connected with Michael Grant from the Calgary Homeless Foundation to learn more about Homeless Charter of Rights</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeless Charter of Rights is not fully implemented – Michael offered to meet again to give CAN Human Rights members an opportunity to ask questions</li> </ul> <p><b>Conclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CAN Human Rights table will invite Michael from the Calgary Homeless Foundation to our April meeting to learn more about the Homeless Charter of Rights</li> </ul>	<p><b>Brittney:</b> Invite Michael Grant to April meeting</p>
<p><b>6. Action Planning &amp; Next Steps</b></p>	<p><i>The group discussed “what should be the focus of this committee?”</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some key issues that come to mind are: transportation, accessibility, funding</li> <li>- How do we make the general population care about issues related to human rights facing persons with disabilities?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Awareness/education campaign</li> <li>o Harnessing the power of the grassroots – consulting with the disability community</li> <li>o Education – combining the efforts of organizations doing this work</li> <li>o Showing “What is the cost of inaccessibility?” to the government</li> <li>o Showing the financial gain that comes from inclusiveness</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Conclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This topic needs to be further discussed and flushed out</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Wrap-Up/Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>          April 19, 2018          1:30 – 3:30          Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta          12001 44 St SE, Calgary, AB</p>	
<p><b>Actions at a glance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Brittney &amp; Action Hall:</b> Work together to gather input on survey</li> <li>✓ <b>Colleen:</b> Connect with the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities to share our actions moving forward</li> <li>✓ <b>Brittney:</b> Write letter with recommendations and send to group for feedback</li> <li>✓ <b>Brittney:</b> Post letter on Change.org</li> </ul>		

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