



# CAN Human Rights Table

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 Memorial Park Public Library  
 Minutes of Meeting

## Present

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	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Context Setting</b></p> <p><u>Check-In Question:</u>  <i>Recognizing the small size of the group, do you still feel these meetings are valuable?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feels there is value in attending the meetings</li> <li>- The first week of the month may be bad timing or a monthly commitment can be difficult for people</li> </ul> <p>**Suggestion to move the date/time of the regular CAN Human Rights meetings to the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 – 3:30PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Content wise, there isn't as much for organizations to share around human rights</li> <li>- Once the government has the advocate in place, there may be more opportunity for this table</li> </ul> <p>Members feel there is value in meeting as the CAN Human Rights table and will continue to meet in 2018</p> <p><u>Updates:</u>  <i>ILRCC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winter Learn Program – Lifelong education and awareness of recreational needs</li> <li>- Looking into adult transition services</li> </ul>	<p><b>BRITTNEY:</b> Update partners about the date change – third Thursday of every month from 1:30 – 3:30PM</p>



	<p><i>Vecova</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are we doing within our organizations the protect people’s human rights? What networks and systems do we have in place?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 211</li> <li>o PDD abuse report line</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of October Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group briefly reviewed minutes from the last meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Review Vision and Mission</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vision:</b> <i>Human Rights are Everyone’s Rights</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission:</b> <i>The CAN Human Rights table promotes equal opportunity for Calgarians with disabilities through advocacy and collaboration.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These have been finalized; brochures will be printed with this information</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>2018 Planning</b></p> <p>Group reviewed the following priority from the last meeting: <i>Gathering information from the community, create a report, share with political leaders and accountability</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not sure if creating a report is the right goal – may not be realistic</li> </ul> <p>What are other areas this group could focus on in the next year? (Brainstorm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research what agencies work specifically with people with disabilities and who key contacts at those organizations are</li> <li>- Who are they key partners and how are they moving their priorities forward?</li> <li>- Who do we want to share information with?</li> <li>- Build relationship with the disability advocate</li> </ul>	



- What are the gaps throughout aging for persons with disabilities?
- There aren't many programs for seniors with disabilities
- Vecova study showed many people with disabilities wanted a space specifically for them – not integrated
- Housing is a basic human right
- Information around resources – e.g. Vulnerable Persons Database, 211, etc.
- Nice to have a centralized list of resources available to people
- Field trips to different organizations as it relates to persons with disabilities
- Which organizations have self-advocate groups
- Sharing what organizations are doing – not for the purpose of creating a report but sharing between organizations
- Advisory for CAN networking event
- Meet with the advocate – how can we partner to increase the visibility of the table
- What does the disability advocate do? What do Alberta Human Rights do?
- Generate a top 10 issues – we generate and get feedback from organizations
- Increase table membership
- Learning from partners

Priorities for the next year:

1. The CAN Human Rights table will act as an advisory committee for the planning of a spring CAN-wide networking event
2. Create a list of disability specific organizations and a key contact at each organization
3. Generate a list of key issues related to persons with disabilities from the perspective of our organization
4. Consult with identified partners to gather their list of key issues related to persons with disabilities
5. Establish a relationship with the advocate for persons with disabilities



	<p>6. The CAN Human Rights table will learn more about services as it relates to human rights and persons with disabilities</p> <p>7. Promote the CAN Human Rights table to increase table membership</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Wrap-Up/Adjournment</b></p> <p><u>Next Meeting:</u>                  Date: January 18, 2018                  Time: 1:30 – 3:30PM                  Location: Vecova</p>	<p><b>BRITTNEY:</b> Create a list of disability specific organizations from the CAN distribution list</p> <p><b>ALL:</b> Come prepared to the January meeting with a list of key issues related to persons with disabilities from the perspective of their organization</p> <p><b>KEITH:</b> Tour of Vecova at next meeting</p>