

WORKSHOP
05/20 & 6/17/2021

Long-Term Goals (5 years beginning 2020):

1. Community Outreach/Education
 - a. Networking with other similarly purposed organizations and participate in their community events
 - b. Create a website; County managed; use social media (ie: facebook, twitter, etc.)
 - c. Create a quarterly newsletter to inform the public of our purpose, activities, and projects.
2. Develop a business site evaluations program (ie: restaurants, venues, public facilities and parks)
3. Develop a Committee education program that would coordinate guest speakers to present and educate the committee of their work and needs in our community.
4. Identify use for state grant funding and access and learn how to utilize these monies for our projects and our participation with public work improvements (sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.).

It was then decided that we would go through each Long-Term goal and draw up Short Term goals for 2020, and that developing our short-term goals would be an annualized thing.

Short-Term goals for 2021:

1. Community Outreach:
 - a. Update the 211 list
 - b. Upgrade of the County/ACAC Web page
 - i. In addition, posting a Facebook link with the County on which meetings will be posted (Shyanne to head this).
 - c. Work with Ben-Franklin Transit to shuttle voters with disabilities to and from the Benton County Voting Center during election cycles.
 - d. Contact the Journal of Business to post an article regarding the purposes and services of Benton County's ACAC (Shyanne to head this).

- e. Reach out to Visit Tri-Cities and Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce to establish a coordinated working relationship with them and to raise public awareness of ACAC. (Amanda and Gretchen to head)
- 2. Develop and utilize a business site evaluation program:
 - a. Consult with other ACAC's about their method of implementing their evaluations for ADA issues within their communities.
 - b. Begin utilizing the Site Evaluation List at the Benton County Public Services Building on Wiser Parkway.
 - c. Post our Site Evaluation availability to businesses/organizations on our County Webpage.
 - d. Create and issue a Certificate of Participation for businesses to post on their premises once evaluated.
- 3. Develop a Committee education program with guest speakers for the sake of the committee learning particular needs and ways ACAC can assist and serve its community.
 - a. Speakers:
 - i. Spokane ACVC/Access4AllSpokane—Larry Gorton (July)
 - ii. Edith Bishel Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired—Sheila Turner (August)
 - b. Participate in the All-County ACAC Virtual Zoom Meeting—July 21, 2021 (Matt Nash, Amanda Hatfield, and Deidra Beck to attend).
- 4. Identify use for state grant funding and apply for projects and partnering with other organizations/businesses in our community.
 - a. Partner with The Arc of the Tri-Cities in a round-table meeting in the fall of 2021 addressing services currently available or additionally needed in our community for individuals with Autism and their families, plus other neurological disorders that mimic Autism. (Deidra to begin working with Donna Tracy/Arc of the Tri-Cities for the funding application to GCDE).
 - b. Work with NW ADA and Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce on the development of educational brochures regarding ADA regulations; possibly requiring funding assistance from GCDE.