

FACD Fishers Committee on Disability

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:07 PM

CITY OF FISHERS AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability

DATE: 4/14/2026 at 5:30 PM

ADDRESS: Nickel Plate Conference Room,

1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038

Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments to the board via this form before 12

p.m. on the day of the meeting.

See the list of board members at [FishersIN.gov/FACD](https://fishersin.gov/FACD).

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Cecilia Coble - Present

Kelly Hartman - Present (via zoom)

Wilbur Sutton - Present (via zoom)

Darcy Keith - Present

Chrissy Pogue - Present

Michelle Stelz - Present

Jason Wagner - Present

Jodi Johnson - Present

Joanne Tedesco - Absent

Susan Smith - Present (via zoom)

Molly Connolly - Present

Also present per the sign in sheet: Jillian Fraser, Allison Brown, Rob Hartman, Charles Woods Jr., Jeanine Coleman-Miller, Calajah Miller.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. FACD Minutes 12-16-2025 DRAFT - Minutes approved by Darcy and Chrissy

3. Committee Member Mayoral Appointments - Self introductions

a. Jodi Johnson -

b. Joanne Tedesco -

c. Susan Smith -

4. Committee Member Updates

a. Katie Jackson Resignation - Thank you for service

5. Guest Speaker(s)

a. Project Will - Jeanine Coleman-Miller, Executive Director - Building inclusive pathways from transition to meaningful work. It's to support young adults with behavioral health challenges through life's transitions while providing a launching pad for the growth and positive information needed to excel throughout life. Young adults from 18-35 who are transitioning through life. Community partnerships are needed to further progress these skills and provide additional paid work opportunities. How this committee can help - Open referral doors, introduce host sites, expand employer kinks, champion success (support awareness, transportation assistance, scholarships, and more.) Camp is launching this summer for 14-18 years olds to help navigate and plan out their future.

6. New Business

a. ADA Matching Grant Funds Have Been Awarded To: (Would like to do more outreach to let other participants know about funding for this grant. Only six applications were received this year.)

- Fishers United Methodist Church
- Opportunities for Positive Growth, Inc.
- Outside The Box

b. ADA Matching Grant - Applications Ongoing - Moving forward: Defer to our newest members to help promote this program and identify business or sites that would like to apply for these grants. Wilbur has identified a need for a curb cut across the street from Superior Van & Mobility. They did not have the access to get into the shops. Will provide a photo. -- Jason would like to try doing some ADA updates in his neighborhood and make videos showing these improvement to increase applicants. Michelle would like to provide more clarifications for questions regarding the ADA grants. Jason would like to provide more information regarding what ADA is and how it can be utilized in the community. Jodi suggested linking into the chamber of commerce to help better promote these grants and the different options that are possible to make it more accessible to the community. (outreach and education) - Susan wanted to know more about parameters that were required for the grants this year. Molly explained that this years was more infrastructure based and not program/education based this time around. Jodi suggested multiple weekly posts to get the word out there to businesses. Jason suggested to advertise to local organizations to spread the word throughout the city about these grants. Susan asked if this was for local small businesses or larger businesses and Cecilia suggested a sub-committee to speak further on this note.

- \$3,730 remains available for distribution
- Discussion on further grant promotion

c. March Disability Awareness Month Recap - Recap about events, attendees, and awards given out.

d. Save The Date: Disability Employment Breakfast - October 13 at City Hall Theater -

e. 2026 My Point of View Day Top 3 Takeaways & Survey Results - Recap about this event. (Over 100 attendees were present.)

7. Committee Updates

a. Refocus Subcommittee Efforts to Match 2026 My Point of View Day Topics/Goals - (Cecelia read items that were suggested from these surveys.) Jodi suggested doing a half day for this event. Chrissy suggested a session A and session B possibility to expand the time to allow more residents to come. Cecelia suggested sessions and then convening as a big group to talk about the highlights and collaborate to brainstorm ideas to better assist the community. Michelle and Chrissy both spoke about hearing issues during that breakfast with so many residents present. Ceclia suggests rethinking the breakfast setup for these changes. Kelly suggested highlighting more about what this committee does and purposely follow up attendees, then take the top three most spoken about issues/ideas and further talk about how we can implement them. Susan suggested ongoing sub-committees for specific groups to get together, then meet back in a smaller forum with ideas. Ceclia explained that we do have sub-committees, but would like to expand with the new members of the committee and branch out different responsibilities for areas that need improvement.

b. Housing - Wilbur wasn't available due to technical difficulties.

c. Employment - Michelle stated that we are focusing on the October event and making connections to expand our networking group for this event.

d. Community Support - Nothing additions from Kelly.

e. Networking/Social/Accessibility - May 1st - June 20th open to applications for this event. Need further volunteers and assistance to help out with this event. Getting a pamphlet available to further provide information about this event. Ceclia wants to confirm that badges are received for new members and all that entails about this event.

- Farmers' Market Accessibility & Inclusion Day - 7/11/26 from 8 am - 12 pm

- Social Media - Kelly has put together a Facebook page called Fishers Disability Awareness. (Not affiliated or attached to the city.) Has received approval from PR to use images that were taken during MDAM. Expect to see more promotions about events, workshops, and information that can be shared about this committee. Has asked to share this page once available. Ceclia suggested facts, resources, and awareness for the different disabilities that residents have.

f. Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- Instagram Live at: Fishers_Deaf
- Fishers Community Center to review accessibility for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing to provide captioning, interpreters, and classes.
- Fishers Event Center - Provide feedback for interpreters and captioning on Jumbotron.
- Deaf Awareness Night - Fuel & Ignite game - Jason attended and there were over 200 individuals that attended this event. Lots of great feedback regarding accessibility and captioning that was available on the jumbotron.
- Ongoing project with captioning for the community events/businesses
- ASL National Day - April 15th

8. Community Comment - Nobody came forward to share. Cecelia closed public comments.

a. Public Recommendations

9. Future Meetings

a. 2026 Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability Public Meetings

- April 14, 2026
- June 9, 2026
- September 15, 2026

- December 15, 2026

b. 2027 March Disability Awareness Month Proposed Dates

- Kickoff Event: Monday, March 1 - New Format
- Fishers Arts Council's Exhibition: Friday, March 12
- My Point of View Day: Tuesday, March 23

Cecilia would like to change the breakfast to more of a social networking event, instead of having it be so formal. Jason suggested a list of attendees ahead of time to provide that to attendees so they can be better prepared for this event.

10. Adjournment - Cecilia suggested motion to adjourn. Kelly and Michelle approved it.