The Mayors' of Bismarck-Mandan appoints interested individuals to serve on the committee. The representations of this committee are comprised of; private employer groups, government, providers, advocacy groups, education groups and the public at large.

The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the following months; January, May & September.

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Current Members

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Laura Mildenberger - Bismarck Public Schools

Mary Robinson - Dakota Center for Independent Living

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Bismarck - Mandan Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities

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Bismarck - Mandan Mayors' Committee For People with Disabilities

The Bismarck-Mandan Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities works to educate the public and initiate projects to establish a receptive climate for the involvement of people with disabilities in all aspects of life within the communities of Bismarck-Mandan.

History

Early 1950's a national concern for the disabled, their problems, their invisibility and their rights surfaced. The results were the formation of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities.

To implement action, each state developed a Governor's Committee in 1952.

In 1964, The Bismarck Mayor's Committee became a member organization of the Bismarck United Way and received financial assistance. That assistance has since ended due to the funds received from handicap parking violations and sign purchases.

In 1982, an operating policy handbook was developed.

In 2003, the city of Mandan, under the direction of Mayor Ken LaMont, joined the Bismarck Mayor's Committee to become the Bismarck-Mandan Mayors' Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities.

In 2010, the Committee changed their name to Bismarck-Mandan Mayors' Committee for People with Disabilities.

Committee Goals

Public Relations: Promote Disability Awareness. Plan and implement appropriate activities in promotion of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Legislative Issues: Monitor proposed or enacted ordinances and legislation regarding people with disabilities and inform Mayors' Committee members.

Scholarship Award: Committee members will solicit applications from students with disabilities who are pursuing a secondary education. The number of monetary awards provided will be based on available funds.

Financial Assistance: The Bismarck-Mandan Mayors' Committee receives money from the City of Bismarck and City of Mandan to create or maintain employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Applicants must meet funding guidelines.

Membership Recruitment: Recruitment of new members i.e. service clubs, disability service providers, and others. Encourage active participation among members.

Employment Support: Enhancement employment opportunites for people with disabilties within the community. Educate businesses about employment opportunities for people with disabilities.