

Bismarck-Mandan Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Our Mission

We endorse and promote the hiring of people with disabilities, endorse and promote accessibility within our communities, and encourage and coordinate open communication related to the issues of employment for people with disabilities within Bismarck-Mandan.

Who We Are

This is a diverse group appointed by the mayors of Bismarck and Mandan. Our members represent private employers, the government, advocacy groups, education sectors, and the public. The Committee operates with funds received from accessibility parking violations in the cities of Bismarck and Mandan.

Current Members Include:

- President, Tom Schiwal (ND Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation-Bismarck)
 - Vice President, DesaRae Berreth (Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Mandan)
 - Secretary, Deidre Hughes (Bis-Man Transit-Mandan)
 - Treasurer, Jim Neubauer (City of Mandan)
 - ...and others dedicated to our mission.
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Our Goals

1. **Promote Disability Awareness:**
 - Activities for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
 2. **Support Legislative Advocacy:**
 - Monitor and respond to disability-related policies.
 3. **Provide Scholarships and financial assistance:**
 - Financial awards for students with disabilities pursuing secondary education.
 - Supporting accessibility needs for individuals.
 4. **Enhance Employment Opportunities:**
 - Educate businesses on inclusive hiring practices.
 5. **Membership Recruitment:**
 - Engage community organizations and service providers.
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How You Can Get Involved

- **Meetings:** Our committee meets quarterly. Join us on the second Tuesday in January, May, and September.
 - **Partner with Us:** Local businesses, schools, and organizations are encouraged to partner with the committee to foster a more inclusive environment in the Bismarck-Mandan area.
 - **Stay Informed:** Follow us on social media channels and websites to stay updated on upcoming events, meetings, and advocacy efforts.
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Contact Us

For more information, to get involved, or to share your thoughts, please reach out:

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