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| Westwood Commission On Disability | November 11, 20179:35am50 Carby Streeet, Conference Room 18 |

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| Meeting called by: | Commission on Disability | Type of meeting: | Regular and Open Meeting |
| Facilitator: | Anne Berry-Goodfellow | Note taker: | Jean Barrett |
| Timekeeper: | Jean Barrett |  |  |

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| Attendees: | Jean Barrett, Anne Berry-Goodfellow, MaryAnne Carty, Jette Meglan  Guest: Jessica Pugliesi, WPS Transitional Specialist, Polly Attridge |
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# Minutes

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| Agenda item: | Approval of Minutes | Presenter: | Jette |
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| Agenda item: | Introduction of Jessica Pugliesi, WPS Transition Specialist | Presenter: | Jessica Pugliesi |

#### Discussion:

Jessica introduced herself and explained her position as a Transition Specialist. She is a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) and is a resource for Westwood Public School students as they move on to post secondary opportunities. She is hands on and currently works with about 6 students. She tries to get them into the community, via volunteering or paid work, and is a liaison to Job or College. She helps with transitional/vocational plans for students turning 18 and develops behavioral plans. She is planning a “Transition Fair” February 7 or 13, 2018. The commission gave her some insights and tips for the fair based on our prior work with WPS. She will try to have vendors that cover College, Vocational, Social, and Adaptive Driving. She offered the commission a table at the event. Jessica mentioned that an area of challenge for her is to identify jobs for her students either paid or unpaid. Any leads would be appreciated. Other speakers that Jessica will have in is Cathy Kelly- MRC March 7th on student benefits and Mass Health.

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| Agenda item: | Next Meeting and Adjournment | Presenter: | Jette |

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2018 50 Carby Street, Westwood

# Other Information

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| **RESOURCES:** |  |
|  | **TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO ADULT LIFE** |
|  | A statewide all-day conference for parents |
|  | November 4, 2017 held at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester |
|  | Arc Notes from Worcester are currently available at The ARC website. - [www.thearcofmass.org/conference](http://www.thearcofmass.org/conference) |
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|  | **“Making Things Possible: Educating the Whole Child” Conference** at Cotting School |
|  | Resources from the conference are at <https://www.cotting.org/cotting-conference/cotting-conference-2017-2/> This site includes workshop resources, the keynote address by Deborah and Patrick Downes, and a list of contacts from the vendor and resource fair. |