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## **Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities to Host Town Hall Meeting October 18**

**CHEYENNE** – The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities (MCPD) will hold a town hall meeting on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Center (415 West 18<sup>th</sup> St.).

The topic will be, "The ADA and Accessibility in the Business Community." The Meeting will focus on issues affecting people with disabilities, as they relate to the business community. The meeting will also offer tools and bring awareness, particularly for small business and property owners, to make their businesses more accessible without breaking the proverbial bank.

The meeting's keynote speaker will be Dana Barton, Director for The Rocky Mountain ADA Center in Colorado Springs. The Rocky Mountain ADA is committed to educating on both the spirit of the American's with Disabilities Act and the technical application of the law. Barton offers training and seminars for large and small groups to assist individuals, organizations, businesses, state and local agencies, transit agencies, architects and designers, disability organizations, or anyone who wants to know how the ADA affects them.

Barton travels extensively and meets regularly with leaders in the business sector. She will address opportunities for profitability, employment and inclusion, and accessibility. She is a knowledgeable resource for the business community, and can answer questions that business owners, human resource managers, employees, and community members might have.

The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities has developed a self-assessment tool for businesses called the Restroom Evaluation Study and Survey (RESt Survey). Dr. Carol Martin, retired Audiologist and Speech Pathologist, who currently serves as an Adjunct Professor for the University of Florida and at LCCC in Cheyenne, will present information from the RESt Survey, and provide suggestions for businesses to make their property more accessible.

Michelle Woerner, CEO for K9's 4 Mobility, will present a program on the Wyoming Service Animal Law regarding how to identify a true service animal and give options for businesses dealing with clients and customers who attempt to pass off their pets as service animals.

The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, run by volunteers appointed by the Mayor. They serve as an advisory, educational and referral organization, bringing awareness of issues affecting people with disabilities, to people of all abilities. For more information on the Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities, please access their website at [cheyennesmcpd.org](http://cheyennesmcpd.org) or contact the Mayor's office at 307-637-6300.