PACDI November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Tracy Leahy, Evalyn Yanna, Dennis Bond, Laura Rugless, Virginia Marks, Matt Ovoloson, Marisa Fisher, Diane Barker, Pitor Pasik, Alexis Travis, Colleen Floyd, Brady Velasquez, Jeffrey Swada, Emily Abrams, Shelby Gombosi, Aaron Pena, Lisa Sudia, Dan Lonstein, Sam Fortino, Kristen Campbell, Tanya Adams, Jenny Schaffer, Wanda Chiba, Brook Jefferies, Jessica Lutz, Steve Stofflet, Marianne Juarez, Nwando Achebe

* Presentation – Piotr Pasik – MSU’s Adaptive Sports program
  + The program is in its 11th year with 233 individuals who have participated
  + Program has lots of volunteers including kinesiology students
  + Program needs more attention, would like to be at half time at MSU men’s game
  + Playing at Crisler Arena at UM in February
  + Should be mentioned during college tours also
* Presentation – Colleen Floyd and Emily Abrams
  + Overview of Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, TRIO SSS, and Tower Guard
  + Provides trainings, student/staff support, and academic advising
  + Finding opportunities to engage socially on/off campus or virtually
* Marissa Fisher represented STRIDE – Students Training and Research for Independence and Desired Employment. STRIDE works with people with intellectual developmental disabilities in achieving their post school goals. STRIDE collaborates with RCPD and Michigan Works to help students gain employment.
* April meeting with the President will be rescheduled due to President’s prior commitment on our regularly scheduled meeting date (April 15, 2025), and we will be meeting on April 22, 2025 instead.
* December meeting cancelled due to semester ending on 12/13/24
* Next meeting January 21, 2025