

## CAP Legislative Affairs Meeting

2/6/23

In Attendance: Sharon Campbell, Mary Birks, Michele Charmello, Laurie Barnett-Levine, Many Wyant, Gretchen Kelly

Special guest: Marshall Cohen, Former lobbyist and gov't relations expert

Marshall Cohen provided the committee with a "Political Advocacy 101" presentation focusing on the following:

1. Strengthen Current Relationships
  - a. Senator Jay Costa
  - b. Senator Dan Frankel
  - c. Representative Dan Miller
2. Form new relationships
  - a. Allegheny County Legislative Delegation
  - b. Governor Shapiro
  - c. US Rep Summer Lee
  - d. US Sen John Fetterman
3. Capitalize on Disability Awareness Days and Months with events and proclamations
4. Continue all legislative collaboration with RCPA
5. Continue collaboration with Staunton Farm Foundation

Sue and I met with Mindful Kreative and came up with some collaborative projects:

1. Letters sent to new and existing legislators
  - a. Introduction and re-introduction of CAP
  - b. Congratulatory notes to all new legislators and committee chairs
2. Website updates with frequent banner changes
3. Continue to collect stories and pictures from CAP membership highlighting both successes and challenges
4. CAP hosted legislative event
  - a. Panel discussions with 3 service areas: Children's, Adult BH, IDD
5. All CAP member legislative training with Marshall Cohen prior to legislative event

