



*ALMOST HEAVEN*  
**WEST VIRGINIA**



***\*\*\*Would like to see an initiative that helps to empower all groups and individuals in WV to work as a cohesive body.\*\*\****

**Goal #1: Transportation. Get self-advocates where they want to go when they want to get there. Getting people to understand they can advocate for their own transportation. Have transportation be accessible to those in wheelchairs.**

<b>HOW?</b>	<b>WHO?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
Explore transportation co-ops	Helen and Vicki	April
Single, statewide number to call for Medical transport. May extend beyond medical transport. Already potentially in the works with the state Secretary.	Beth	May
In Alaska, they lease accessible vans as cabs. Cab companies are subsidized so accessible vans can be regularly used and companies won't lose money. Looking into grants needed to subsidize cab companies on how to bring it to West Virginia. Already talked to a Senator about it.	Kevin, Daniel, and the Arc Present information to the team	May

What	When	Who
<p>Find out about taxi company that got accessible cab. 5310 funds were used. This may be good pilot program for other towns.</p>	<p>Clarice's legal staff</p>	<p>May</p>
<p>Look into ADA regulation for accessible taxis. Precedent set in New York when governor made law that all cabs had to become accessible. Big problem with taxis in WV is that there often only 1 company per city so if you don't like what they do you just don't take a cab</p>		
<p>Easter Seals is creating a self-advocacy transportation curriculum. Look into this program and see if it can be implemented in West Virginia.</p>	<p>Andrew and Greg</p>	<p>May</p>
<p>Collect stories from self-advocates who have had problems with transportation so it can be told to legislators so they can understand how bad the issue is. When the annual People First conference, record number of people who want to come but can't because of transportation. Also, good time to collect stories at this conference because there is already a "Tell your Story" part</p>	<p>Vicki, Kelvin, Melvin, Greg</p>	
<p>Schedule a follow-up summit meeting</p>	<p>all</p>	<p>By May 1</p>