Washington Seminar Notes

 Explain the problem and give personal story tell them about the legislation and solution

Important to remind representatives this is the Blind and not other disability group

* Accessible Technology Act

Helps people with visual disabilities to afford the cost of technology

Refundable tax credit up to 2,000

Non visual they can use the laptop immediately

Visual disabilities have to have screen reading software

Nonvisual Medical Devices Act – Home Medical Devices

* Digital access to Medical devices such as glucose monitors and digital oxygen device monitor
* Audible Medical Devices
* Staff that are struggling to meet the needs of patient
* Challenges and risk to patients of Covid 19
* Safety of Kidney Dialysis at home
* Insulin pump
* Oxygen sensory – heart problems
* Point out the cost and inexpensive – self and independent medical care at home
* Universal design for every especially aged population

Website Accessibility Mobile Apps

* Standard measures for website designer can make websites and accessibility
* Universal Design – makes things accessibility for every
* The Access Board- Website access and standard the number of lawsuits have increased reduce the number
* No formal standard requirements under the Americans with Disabilities
* Enforced through the Equal Opportunity and Department
* Standards will back up and mesh with Section 508 – 1998

American with Disabilities Voter Rights Act

* Strengthen the rules for accessible voting
* Poll workers not trained -poll
* Accessible way for people with visual impairment to cast absentee ballot
* All written forms and voter registration and websites accessible for people with visual impairment
* There accessible forms of voting other states already use

The Washington Seminar

* Monday – Thursday
* Practice as team member
* Meeting setup with 9 Congressional representatives
* Representative Meeting
* Social Meeting for Students with visual impairments in the Morning
* There is going to be an info section from 1-3pm on Monday
* 5-7PM The Great Gathering In Session

Virtual Zoom Meeting Setup

President Greg Atkins will set up zoom room access where teams will have 15-minutes – 20 minutes to speak and talk about their issues to Congressman or representative

Someone will be hosting and moderating the meetings and setups All meetings will be 30 min apart to give some down

Please look Professional

Turn your cameras on

Be in quiet space

Mute yourself to be respectful of others

Team leaders will introduce the group

When talking to the representatives please keep all comments to 3 mins or less to be mindful of time space and others talking and sharing

This meeting will sent out via zoom recording emails and links regarding the Washington Seminar Preparation call and the Big Conference next weeks

* President