

Minutes



DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Attendees:

Bill Nieranowski (Chair); Paul Harden, Fran Belasco, Linda Roche, Christine Botts; (Staff)

Excused:

Andy Argenbright, Paul Grenon, Kevin McHale, Monica Dzialo and Doddie McShane

Minutes

1 Call to Order Bill Nieranowski, Chair

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. PH/FB passed unanimously

2 DBE Program Bill Nieranowski, Chair

Bill discussed how due to budget cuts for the next fiscal year, Bob Cooper, the Executive Secretary of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, has made a recommendation to the commissioners to repeal the Disability Business Enterprise Law, for lack of support staff & shift funding to the Disability Rights Technical Assistance (ADA Maintenance of Effort). If the Governor does not reinstate the funds for the staff support, the DBE program will be in jeopardy.

3 Pending Certifications/Recertifications Chris Botts

Motion: To approve the re-certification applications for the DBE's that are owned by a person with a disability:

EVAS and Adaptive Technology.

PH/LR passed unanimously

Motion: To approve the re-certification application for In-Sight, a DBE that employs people with a disability where at least 60% of the products or services are produced by a person with a disability.

FB/PH passed unanimously

Motion: To approve the re-certification applications for the following rehab facilities:

A New Leaf, Arc of Blackstone Valley, Coffee Plus, The Fogarty Center, Pandora's Products, Training Thru Placement and the Trudeau Center. PH/FB passed unanimously

Motion: To approve the re-certification applications for A New Leaf

Fran Belasco recused, PH/LR passed unanimously

4.	Staff Update	Chris Botts
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Discussion: The DBE regulations will be put on hold until the Governor makes a decision on the budget and whether or not to restore the funds necessary to run the DBE program.

Discussion: The DBE member manual was distributed to the committee members.

Discussion: The 2006 Annual Report was distributed. By consensus, the committee agreed not to formally release the annual report until all the other committee members have had a chance to review and approve the report.

Discussion: The following 3 year training program was distributed to the committee to review and approve at the next meeting in February.

DBE Trainings 2007-2009

2007

Name of Training	Presenter	Length of Training	Cost
1. Expo Training – Follow Up	Jim Jackson, Essex Group	2 hrs	\$500
2. How to Bid on State Contracts	Purchasing Agenct	2 hrs	Free
3. Marketing on a Shoestring Budget	J & W Professor SBDC	2 hrs	Free
4. Create a Vision & Roadmap	CorleyHanson Assoc.	2-3 hrs	\$500

2008

Name of Training	Presenter	Length of Training	Cost
1. Taking your Business to the Next Level through Target Marketing	Deb Nelson/ Beaulieu Financial	2 hrs	
2. Financing your Business	Marilyn Bogue	2 hrs	Free
3. Team Building- Building Effective And Productive Teams	CorleyHanson Assoc.	2-3 hrs	\$500
4. How to Navigate the State Purchasing Website	Purchasing Agents	2 hrs	Free

2009

Name of Training	Presenter	Length of Training	Cost
1. Business Basics	SBA	2 hrs	Free
2. Grant Writing Workshop us-government-grants.net	Beverly Jo Santicola	2 Full day trainings	\$2500 (up to 40 people)
3. Selling to the Government	Dorothy Reynolds RI/PTAC	2 hrs	Free
4. Creating a Marketing Plan	SBDC	2 hrs	Free

5.	Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings
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Discussion: The Committee agreed to table the following items until the next meeting:
-Status of FY 2007 DBE Goals
-Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings

Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 9:50AM. FB/LR passed unanimously