



# Minutes for Governor's Commission on Disabilities Disability Business Enterprise

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Bill Nieranowski (Chair), Monica Dzialo, Paul Grenon, Linda Roche, Paul Harden, Andy Argenbright, John Treat (Vice-Chair), Chris Botts (Staff)	
<b>Excused:</b>	Doddie McShane,	
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>		
<b>1. Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes 9:05AM</b>	<b>Bill Nieranowski, Chairperson</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as: presented MD/JT passed unanimously		
<b>2. DBE Staff Report</b>	Chris Botts	
<p>Discussion: Chris Botts updated the committee on the Pilot Recycling Project. The two agencies that have been participating in the program are the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and the Dept. of Elderly Affairs. One of the main goals of the project was to expand the program to other agencies. As of last week, there are now two new agencies participating in the recycling program, Probation and DEM. With the two agencies, there will be approximately 300 additional employees that will be Recycling.</p> <p>Also, Chris Botts is coordinating a visit with the state Purchasing Agents and the James L. Maher Center in Newport. The food service contracts at MHRH may be privatized in the future and could be outsourced to the Maher Center or other DBE's.</p> <p>State Contracts with DBE's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BetterShred – Department of Human Services</li> </ul>		
<b>3. DBE Committee Survey</b>	Bill Nieranowski	
<p>Discussion: Bill Nieranowski distributed a survey to the DBE committee members. The purpose of the survey was to solicit feedback about the progress of the program and suggestions for improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist DBE's in private sector as well as the state agencies</li> <li>• Train the DBE's on how to be more self sufficient</li> <li>• Hold a Networking Seminar /Success Stories</li> <li>• Arrange a tour of the Better Shred Facility for the DBEC</li> </ul>		
<b>1. Pending Certification/Recertification</b>	Bill Nieranowski	
Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal application for EVAS, Andy Agenbright, Vision Dynamics, and Zane Sherman		

**MOTION:** To approve the application for DBE certification for EVAS, Andy Agenbright, Vision Dynamics, and Zane Sherman, businesses owned by a person with a disability. PH/PG passed unanimously (AA abstained)

Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal applications for Pro-Mail

**MOTION:** To approve the applications for DBE certification for Pro-Mail, a business where 60% of employee hours producing products or services are provided by persons with disabilities. PG/JT passed unanimously

Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal applications for Arc of Blackstone Valley, The Cove Center, Fogarty Center and Trudeau Center.

**MOTION:** To approve the applications for DBE certification for Arc of Blackstone Valley, The Cove Center, Fogarty Center and Trudeau Center., businesses developed by non-profit rehabilitation facilities. PH/JT passed unanimously

Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
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Next meeting will be on:	March 12, 2008	Starting at: 9AM
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Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at
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<b>Observers:</b>	
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