

# Minutes

# Employment and Economic Opportunity Committee



**Thursday 7/14/05 9:30AM to 11:00 AM**

**Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

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**Note taker:** Christine Rancourt

**Attendees:** Victoria Ferrara, Judi Drew, Pat Ryherd, Arthur Plitt, Paul Harding,  
Linda Milner, Dimity Peters, Bill Nieranowski, Bob Cooper

**Absent:** Rory Carmody, Kathy Partington.

## Minutes

**Item 1.** Call to Order and acceptance of minutes .  
9:30 AM call to order. Minutes from previous meeting accepted. No changes.

**Item 2.** ADA Workplan Reviewed Vicki Ferrara

9:35 A.M. The ADA workplan was reviewed by VF and accepted by the committee. The ADA grant requirements are being met and in some cases exceeded. Workplan was drafted by VF, JD, and CR.

Objective # 1: Coordinate training & exhibit opportunities with NEADA and IT Center Staff. Objective has been met.

Objective # 2: Training with Employers. Work completed to date was reviewed including the 6 hours ADA training (Title I and Title II) to 22 + state ADA coordinators.

Objective # 3: Market and Enlist Participants in NEADA and IT Training. Discussion of outreach for the audio conferences arranged by the NEADA and Technical IT Center and how to get better attendance at these audio conferences. Specifically addressed was the Audio conference scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>. JD will create an e-mail flyer to be distributed. She will contact Rehab Hospital of RI about sponsoring a site for the audio conference. RSVPs will go to CR. BC will contact Steve DeToy and DP will contact RIRA (Rhode Island Rehab Association) about this audio conference.

The September 20<sup>th</sup> Audio conference on Achievable Barrier Removal will also be publicized using the template created by JD to several of the Chambers of Commerce with the assistance of PH , as well as the RI Architects Association.  
VF agreed to create evaluation forms for the audio conferences so that we may provide feedback to NEADA.

Objective # 3: Public Awareness/Outreach to Target Audiences. Completed via Able Too... shows on legislation, the hearing board, and the Fogarty Awards.

**Item 3.**

HRIC Workplan Reviewed

Judi Drew

9:55 A.M. The HRIC grant ends December 31, 2005 therefore all commitments to the grant must be achieved. To this end VF, JD, and CR created a workplan. BC added information during the meeting that was not available when the workplan was originally drafted by VF, JD, and CR.

Objective #1: Public Awareness Campaign. This objective has been met.

Objective #2: Produce and Air an “Employment TV Show.” This objective has not met the grant requirements. However, with the new information provided by BC, it was agreed that a small subcommittee be formed to review the existing Able Too... shows. The purpose of which is to determine which shows could be reedited to meet the grant requirements and where new shows had to be taped. The subcommittee consists of CR, JD, PR, BN, and KP. By re-editing some of the shows, the hope is that time and production costs can be saved.

Due to administration issues, Able Too... was in hiatus for several months until a RFP was written, approved, posted, applied to, and awarded. Only one person applied, Jeff Hartley. He should be receiving his award letter by late July.

Objective #3: Quarterly Promoting Work Events at netWORKri. CR is working with Rhodes to Independence on Job Fair which will be held in the Providence netWORKri location in October. PH spoke about Bank of America and using a targeted recruitment approach focusing on people with disabilities. Bank of America will also be using the Providence netWORKri location for staffing purposes. He meets with Bank of America every 2 weeks and will get in touch with CR regarding the results of his discussion with Bank of America.

Still need two events at a netWORKri partner facility promoting work to meet the grant requirements.

Objective #4: Assist in the development of a “work-related information” component and referral system. Assistance has been provided and the project is ongoing.

<b>Item 4.</b>	Rhodes to Independence	Vicki Ferrara
10:50 A.M. Open for discussion: clarification of Rhodes to Independence Grant of \$5000 for Able Too...No outcome reached.		
<b>Item 5.</b>	Staff Availability	Bob Cooper
10:55 A.M. Due to HRIC grant expiring Dec. 31, 2005, 50% of CR's time will be spent on this grant to ensure that the grant objectives are accomplished.		
<b>Item 6.</b>	Meeting Adjourned	Vicki Ferrara
11:00 A.M. Meeting Adjourned. <i>The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00 at the GCD Office.</i>		