

Minutes



Employment Committee Thursday May 25, 2006 9 AM to 10:30 AM Governor's Commission on Disabilities John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court Cranston, RI 02920

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Recorder:	Chris Rancourt
Attendees:	Pat Ryherd (Chair), Vicki Ferrara, Paul Harden, Judi Drew, Dimity Peter
Excused:	Linda Milner, Bill Nieranowski, Arthur Plitt
Guest:	Paul Choquette

Minutes

9:00 Call to Order Pat Ryherd, Chair.

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

9:05 Meeting Minutes from March Meeting Pat Ryherd

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from the March 30, 2006 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously (VF/PH) with the recognition of the misspelling of Paul Harden's last name.

9:10 Commendation for Chris Rancourt Pat Ryherd

Chris Rancourt was commended for her work on Able Too... by the Commission. Paul Choquette made the presentation.

9:15 Employment Staff Report

o **ADA Grant** Chris Rancourt

ADA Conference

-CR reported on her attendance at the ADA conference. The conference was held in Saint Louis in April of 2005.

Web cast

- CR reported on the Web cast, it was suggested that Bryant University receive recognition/accommodation at the 50th Anniversary Gala and/or annual awards, for their assistance on the project.
- CR will ask Paul Choquette to send thank you notes to Bryant University staff.
- CR reported that the anticipated roll out of the web cast is September 2006.

Able TOO...

- CR will check on dates for last 2 shows and send information to VF. VF will revise the schedule accordingly.
- CR reiterated that she still needs two Able TOO... show topics, two topics had previously been identified: universal design and voting. VF said that Able TOO... did not come up at the last Commissions meeting so no suggestions came from the meeting. JD suggested a show on higher education. Resources for the two shows identified included:
 - Marie Lynch at RIC-Accommodations in the classroom
 - David Kane, Attention from RITAP, and
 - Ann Roccio at URI
- JD also suggested a show on recreation. CR will contact Tim Flynn about doing a program at ‘Shake-a-Leg.’ JD mentioned that ‘Shake-a-Leg’ has a new accessibility guide on recreation geared towards 15 to 19 year olds.

Department of Corrections

- CR reported on her work with the Department of Corrections
- CR will ask LM about the possibility of photographs being taken at the presentation. CR will look into if the Commission has a digital camera.

○	HRIC Grant	Chris Rancourt
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Mini-grants

- JD reported that because Salve Regina was not able to meet the grant requirements the \$400 mini-grant will be returned to the Commission by June 30th.
- CR reported that URI has yet to provide feedback on their events to CR and she will follow up on this, however, Brown University and Johnson & Wales have provided the required feedback.

MOTION: From VF to spend this \$400 on professionally printed materials. Motion approved (DP/PH) unanimously.

- CR will send Mavis an e-mail about the \$400 and spending it on professionally produced materials. CR will get prices for how much it will

cost for 2 colors and full color on nice paper.
- VF recommended getting pricing information from Crossroads.

10:00

Other Business

Pat Ryherd

Other Grant Information Available:

- HRIC money runs out: June 30, 2006.
- Current ADA contract expires on September 30, 2006.
- Can't plan beyond September 30, 2006 due to lack of information about new grant.
- CR will sort Technical assistance calls by then starting in June of 2006. This data will be used for future planning.

Other Business:

- July 2, 2006- next meeting
- Brainstorm work plans for September to cover the money we have and hopefully money going forward.
- Federal, state fiscal years
- RFP is not out yet for ADA work- don't know when it'll be coming out.

Adjourned at:

10:30AM JD/DP passed unanimously