

# Minutes



## Employment Committee Thursday Sept 28, 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), Dimity Peter, Linda Milner, Arthur Plitt, Vicki Ferrara, Judi Drew  
**Excused:** Bill Nieranowski, Jim Pitassi

### 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 July Meeting Pat Ryherd**

**MOTION:** To approve the meeting minutes from the May 25, 2006 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Judi Drew was re-elected as vice-chair of the Employment Committee.

Commission Orientation books distributed by PR with notice that the orientation meetings would be held on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and that all committee members were invited and all Commissioners were expected to attend one of the sessions.

PR also noted that the next agenda for the employment committee would be in the form of goals and objectives.

**9:10 Employment Staff Report**

○ **ADA Grant Chris Rancourt**

## **Web cast**

-CR reported that the web cast is basically complete with the exception of the end of chapter surveys and certificates and a state host has not been found yet but that Howard Boxenbaum is working on this.

## **Able TOO...**

-CR reported that she and Jeff Hartley taped an Able Too show on the 'Shake-A-Leg' program run by Tim Flynn, however, because it was not ADA specific, it could not count as one of the four programs that need to be filmed as part of the grant. .

-The four shows that will meet the requirements of the NEADA grant will focus on employment accommodations, transition from high school to college, universal design and, transportation.

-Other Able Too... show ideas suggested a travel and tourism show and a show that ties in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commission and Medicaid buy-in/work incentives.

## **Department of Corrections**

-CR and LM reported on the Department of Corrections training. Over 100 people were provided ADA training by Liz Stanosheck from Nebraska's Department of Corrections on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The trainings were very successful. CR reported that the transcript is still in the midst of being "edited" but that she had plans to talk with LS that afternoon and if nothing was resolved CR would take over the editing process. LM reported that DOC was waiting on the transcript to continue its policy development.

**10:00**

**Other Business**

**Pat Ryherd**

- CR reported that Prison Industries provided a quote for the printing of the new Commission brochure. She suggested that since the brochure was not solely employment based that it belongs with the executive committee. The Employment Committee agreed with this suggestion.

- Given the changes that are occurring in the DOA with respect to ADA Coordinators. A motion was made to ask Jim Pitassi to speak about these changes at the November meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Strategic planning**

Workplan through December: Able Too., web cast, corrections meeting/training outcomes, job fair with Rhodes to Independence.

November 30, 2006- next meeting.

**Adjourned at:**

10:30AM JD/DP passed unanimously