



Minutes for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee

Thursday April 26, 2007 9 – 10:30 AM

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Attendees:	Pat Ryherd, Sandy Lupovitz, Bill Nieranowski, Paul Harden , Linda Milner
Excused:	Judi Drew, Author Plitt, Vicki Ferrara, Jim Pitassi, Dimity Peter
Absent:	

----- Agenda Topics -----

Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Pat Ryherd, Chairperson	5 min.
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MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as: X presented

Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Discussion state budget	Pat Ryherd	30 min

Due to changes in staffing at the Commission and budget cuts, planning for the employment work is limited through September.

2. DBTAC: New England ADA Center Grant	Pat Ryherd	30 min
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Reviewed quarterly report (attached)

Pre-post surveys -- Three surveys completed by NEADA

- One survey still to be written by NEADA for Career Development
- Database not developed yet by NEADA

Actions for

April – June :

- Prepare for Johnson & Wales University presentation
- Follow-through on RI College, Bryant University & Johnson & Wales University's needs/concerns
- Make contact with the Community College of RI-

MOTION:

	Items to be accomplished before the next meeting:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A	Discuss surveys at next NEADA meeting	Chris Rancourt	June 28th
B	Continue work with RIC, Bryant and JWU	Chris Rancourt	On-going
C	Begin creating training for job developers	Chris Rancourt	June 28th

Recruit for a Mary Brennan Fellow for the summer semester			
MOTION: Publicize state internship program			
A	Put state internship on GCD website	Chris Rancourt/Harvey Salvas	May 15th
B	Communicate the state internship program to the BLN	Sandy Lupovitz	June 28th
Municipal Government Title I Web-cast Training. Discussion postponed due to time.			
	NEADA - Regional Advisory Board Meeting	Chris Rancourt	05 min.
The next regional advisory board meeting will be held in Boston at the NE ADA Center's new office on either June 14th or the 21st.			
Discussion: Any action with employers on hold until the GCD staff meets with and understands the expectations from Northeastern.			
3. Staff Meetings		Pat Ryherd	.05 min
Staff meetings need to be held on a regular basis especially in light of personnel changes and the new NEADA contract.			
MOTION:			
	Items to be accomplished before the next meeting:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A	Discuss lack of meetings at Commission Mtg.	Pat Ryherd	June 28th
Questions on Reports (mailed with the agenda)			05 min.
Liaison report provide by Sandy Lupovitz for the BLN			
NE ADA Grant Report			
Goal: Connect w/ at least 2 higher education institutions -			
Outcome: Meetings were held at RI College (4/11) and Bryant University (4/19) a presentation is scheduled at Johnson & Wales University in June. NE ADA Center's Director Oce Harrison will co-present.			
Goal: Provide technical assistance training and information dissemination			
Outcome: Mediation work in process in addition to Technical Assistance (see quarterly report below) Partnership to Employment Conference 4/24 Discussion and actions • Pre-post surveys – - Three surveys completed by NEADA- One survey still to be written by NEADA for Career Development - Database not developed yet by NEADA			
State Affiliate Quarterly Report for Rhode Island's State Affiliate For the DBTAC: New England ADA Center October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007			
Current reporting period: March 31, 2007			
Trainings			
1. Total number of trainings (include in-person, audio and web-based): <u>5</u>			
2. Indicate the number of participants in each category:			

to the public? Yes

6. Have you participated in two Regional Advisory Board Meetings annually? ?

Have you provided the Center with news & photos for the Center's *Access New England* Newsletter three (3) times a year? Winter Yes

MOTION: To accept the report(s) as: X resented

Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
Next meeting will be on:	June 29th	Starting at: 9:00
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:15	

Other Information

Resource persons:	Chris Rancourt
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Liaison Report: BLN

Committee: Employment

Liaison Name: Sandy Lupovitz Liaison to BLN

Activity: February to April '07

Submitted: April 25, 2007

1. The BLN Steering Committee continues to meet monthly on the first Thursday morning.

A breakfast for interested employers was held March 15th at the Radisson. It was well attended and companies heretofore not involved were recruited. Power point and film presentations were included in the program.

BLN received a write up in the newsletter of the RI Hospitality & Tourism Assoc. It is hoped that this will lead to an outreach project for members of H & T. A staff person at H & T has been assigned to work with BLN. Close follow up is planned.

The new BLN brochure is off the press and being distributed.

While maintaining the B 2 B concept, BLN is developing more relationships with related job development agencies.

BLN participated in the Partnerships to Employment April 24th with an information table and session presentation.

2. BLN is looking into whether it makes sense to apply for 501 C 3 status. A major company is considering financial assistance but can only contribute to a non-profit.

3. Follow up with companies that have expressed interest in BLN has been weak. A committee to study the issue and develop action has been formed. First meeting in May.

In keeping with an event every quarter the possibility of sponsoring a function in the northern part of the state is on the table for discussion May 3. Assignments for preliminary contacts were made at the last meeting.

(Mr.) Sandy Lupovitz

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