



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007 9:10 – 10:10 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Pat Ryherd, Sandy Lupovitz, Bill Nieranowski, Linda Milner, Vicki Ferrara		
<b>Excused:</b>	Arthur Plitt, Jim Pitassi, Dimity Peter, Judi Drew, Melanie Sbardella, Ann Roccio, Paul Harden		
<b>Absent:</b>			
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>			
<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</b>		<b>Pat Ryherd, Chairperson</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Accepted.			
<b>Discussion Items:</b>	Discussion Leader:	Time:	
<b>1. Review of Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with Colleges and Universities</b>	<b>Pat Ryherd</b>	<b>25 min</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 colleges/universities were represented: RIC, URI, JWU, PC and RISD</li> <li>• Results of the 2 focus groups were presented.</li> <li>• PR reviewed the information packet that was distributed and talked about the resources that made quick presentations; Roberta Greene, John Pimental, CR and Oce Harrison (NEADA).</li> <li>• Feedback indicated a desire for an additional meeting. A proposed date of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at JWU will be changed to a date in March given the constraints faced by university and college personnel.</li> </ul>			
<b>2. Contract</b>		<b>Pat Ryherd</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An obligation of the NEADA contract is to meet with students. CR has been trying to arrange such meetings through the disability services person at RIC and CCRI but due to obligations and other responsibilities by the staff at these schools, meetings were not able to be scheduled in Dec. CR will continue to try to arrange meetings for March and April with the targeted schools and also expand the scope to other college/university personnel. Goal is to collaborate with the college/university personnel to organize/conduct meetings with students.</li> <li>• VF suggested communicating with all students through the college/university newspapers and</li> </ul>			

will get information to CR about the newspaper at RIC (The Anchor).

- CR will contact NEADA about the student success story videos as well as the specificity about the student's disability in the student surveys and that this piece of data is not voluntary.

**3. State of the Contract with NEADA**

**Pat Ryherd**

**5 min**

- PR again reviewed the status of the contract with Adaptive Environments and the request by Adaptive Environments to hold off on signing the contract.

**4. Meeting Adjourned**

**Pat Ryherd**

**5 min**

- Next meeting Feb. 21, 2007. 9:00-10:30 at the Commission.