



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, April 17, 2008 9:00 – 10:10 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Judi Drew, Sandy Lupovitz, Vincent Rossi, Arthur Plitt, Melanie Sbardella, Linda Milner, Vicki Ferrara, Paul Harden	
<b>Excused:</b>	Pat Ryherd, Ann Roccio, Bill Nieranowski, Jim Pitassi, Dimity Peter,	
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>		
<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</b>	<b>Judi Drew, Vice-Chair</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Accepted.		
<b>Discussion Items:</b>	Discussion Leader:	Time:
<b>1. State of the Contract with NEADA</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of the contract was reviewed. It was agreed that we should provide data to NEADA in the format which they have requested it.</li> <li>• JD asked if there was anything that the employment committee should do with regard to the coalition composition. CR agreed to follow-up with Harvey. (Harvey referred CR to Bob, the staff member on the committee.)</li> <li>• MS agreed to work on success stories with CR to meet the contract requirements.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Update on meetings with students at Colleges and Universities</b>	<b>Chris Rancourt</b>	<b>30 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR has held a training on the ADA and work to students and faculty at Bryant April. As of 4/10/08, 40 students and 7 staff and 1 faculty person attended the presentations.</li> <li>• The evaluation sheet was revised and used. The data has been entered into an EXCEL spreadsheet and the originals will be sent to NEADA as required by the contract.</li> <li>• A training at URI was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, data has not yet been added to the database.</li> <li>• Training is scheduled at NEIT on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two previous trainings were planned for Feb. 27 but no students attended.</li> <li>• CR has begun talking with Salve Regina. JD will help CR line up summer classes at Salve to present the materials. JD offered to assist with the feedback on videos.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the strategy for these trainings should be to get into classrooms where the audience is "captive."</li> </ul>		

<b>3. March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with Colleges and Universities</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>25 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight participants attended the meeting: 3 from JWU; 2 from NEIT; 1 from CCRI; 1 from PC; and 1 person from RISD. Feedback from the meeting was positive and provided to the committee in the staff notes. The data from the trainings with the students was presented and a focus group on the NEADA video “Danielle” was held. The next meeting with the disabilities services and career services staffs at the colleges and universities is scheduled for October 2, 2008 at NEIT.</li> </ul>		
<b>4. Employment</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>15 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR reported she participated in training at the DOC with Linda Milner on March 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• CR reported that she worked with Harvey Salvas to present a 1 day training on the ADA to Realtors on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Surveys were completed by participants and data entered into the database as it was when the training was presented on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The GCD is co-sponsoring an event with the RIBLN on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Gips from NEAD is the presenter.</li> <li>• JD mentioned that Marcia Henderson, a nationally recognized disability management specialist, will be speaking at the BLN in September. No location yet for this meeting. JD will keep us informed.</li> <li>• SL commented that there needs to be a better job done reaching out to employers.</li> <li>• VF spoke about the link between the BLN and SHRM.</li> </ul>		
<b>5. Next Meeting</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 19, 2008 in the Commission Conference Room from 9:00 -10:10.</li> </ul>		