



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, August 21, 2008 9:00 – 10:10 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Judi Drew, Sandy Lupovitz, Vincent Rossi, Paul Harden	
<b>Excused:</b>	Arthur Plitt, Melanie Sbardella, Linda Milner, Pat Ryherd, Ann Roccio, Bill Nieranowski, Jim Pitassi, Dmitry Peter, Vicki Ferrara,	
<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. Strategic Retreat</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandy Lupovitz provided his observations of the Commission's Strategic Retreat held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He said some thought that "too much was in the can," a planning committee was needed (recommended by John Treat and Sandy), and the employment committee was responding to much to the grant and not enough to businesses. Discussion about the National Employment Job Fair in October ensued. Paul Harden responded that the focus of this job fair was outside the reach of R.I. Sandy also reported that the Commission has to do more with legislation. And, more planning and marketing of what the organization does is needed.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Contract with NEADA</b>	<b>Chris Rancourt</b>	<b>30 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CR reported that NEADA has not created the follow-up survey to the training completed in the spring semester nor has NEADA created a database for the survey data yet.</li> <li>CR will contact committee members to be on a subcommittee to plan the next meeting with the college/university staffs.</li> <li>CR provided training to the staff at the Hotel Viking in Newport on Title I of the ADA on August 12, 2008.</li> <li>CR will be meeting with the new ADA coordinator at RIC on August 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Two sessions of ADA – Title 1 training for employers are scheduled: September 18<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>JD will send CR an invitation to the 9/26 BLN meeting.</li> </ul>		

- CR will call Paul Harden regarding the Governor's Workforce Board.
- CR will contact Rhode to Independence regarding the OCT 3 Job Fair at the Marriot.  
Committee agreed CR should participate in this event.

<b>5. Next Meeting</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 16, 2008 in the Commission Conference Room from 9:00 -10:30.</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>Judi Drew</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:05</li> </ul>		