



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2009 9:00 – 10:20 AM

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Attendees:	Pat Ryherd, Vincent Rossi, Melanie Sbardella, Sandy Lupovitz, Paul Harden, Vicki Ferrara, Meryl Berstein, Arthur Plitt, Cristina Amedeo	
Excused:	Jim Pitassi, Linda Milner	
Absent:	Judi Drew	
Staff:	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	
----- Agenda Topics -----		
Call to Order and Minutes	Pat Ryherd, Chair	7 min.
MOTION: MB and CA made the motion to accept the minutes. Unanimously approved.		
Discussion Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Election of committee vice-chair	Pat Ryherd	10 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PR explained the role of the vice-chair. VF and CA nominated Paul Harden. PH agreed to be the vice chair. 		
2. Review of GCD Budget	Pat Ryherd	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PR provided overview of budget. No significant changes from last meeting. 		
3. Quarterly report to DBTAC	Pat Ryherd	5 min
Report was not available. CRB will e-mail report when it becomes available.		
4. DBTAC research plans	Pat Ryherd	5 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of DBTAC data. The GCD was not contacted regarding any of the information concerning industry data appearing in the report. CRB will e-mail link to committee. 		
4. Nov. 4th meeting with Colleges and Universities	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	25 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRB reviewed the plan for the Nov. 4th meeting. Committee wanted more of an employment focus, raised concern over time of panel speaking rather than answering questions, and expressed apprehension about the parent on the panel. 		

CRB will contact Dr. Pistacchio to review the input from the committee and will send out information to the committee about the meeting.		
5. Upcoming employment events	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	20 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRB reviewed the scheduled employment events. For October: 1 EEOC audio conference regarding the ADA AAA; 1 training with realtors; 1 training of students at CCRI; 1 ADA training for the Supporting Meaningful Employment class; the Employer Honor Roll Breakfast; 1 Exhibit at the Job Fair sponsored by netWORKri and Rhodes to Independence. Scheduled for November: 1 meeting with College and University disability and career services staff – topic is autism; 2 ADA overview trainings for netWORKri; 1 audio conference on ADA legal updates. 		
6. Volunteer Assistance	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No volunteers were found. 		
7. Staff report and questions	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions. 		
8. Announcement of next meeting	Pat Ryherd	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECEMBER 17, 2009. 		
9. Adjournment	Pat Ryherd	2 min.