



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:00 – 10:20 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Paul Harden, Melanie Sbardella, Sandy Lupovitz, Vicki Ferrara, Meryl Berstein	
<b>Excused:</b>	Pat Ryherd, Linda Milner, Vincent Rossi, Arthur Plitt	
<b>Absent:</b>	Cristina Amedeo	
<b>Staff:</b>	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>		
<b>Call to Order and Minutes</b>	<b>Paul Harden , Vice-Chair</b>	<b>2 min.</b>
MOTION: MB made the motion to accept the minutes. Unanimously approved.		
<b>Discussion Items:</b>	<b>Discussion Leader:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>1. Contract with NEADA.</b>	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	15 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differences between '09 and '10 NEADA contract were reviewed. Committee noted that new contract no longer required outreach to students in colleges/universities but did focus on outreach of students in K-12.</li> <li>Suggestions to add RIBLN to resource list for employers and to contact rotary clubs for opportunities to speak. MB will forward info on a club to CRB.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Review of Quarterly report</b>	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	5 min
<b>3 College/University Staff meetings (11/4/09, 3/9/10)</b>	Pat Ryherd	15 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/4/09 meeting with college/university staff went well. Survey data expressed desire for more information on autism with respect to higher education and employment. Possible opportunity for a future meeting.</li> <li>The next scheduled meeting with college/university staff will be on 3/9/10 at Bryant University. The topic will be the new GI Bill. CRB reported that she was getting the run around in her attempts to line up a speaker. CRB will follow up on PH's suggestion to contact Senator Reed.</li> </ul>		

4. LMI data	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	10 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LMI data was shared. Committee recommended that LMI data used be focused on growth occupations within growth industries.</li> </ul>		
5. BLN/EEOC meeting	Sandy Lupovitz	15 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by SL to have the GCD's employment committee formally support the 2/25/10 BLN meeting. Unanimously approved. No cost to the GCD just outreach. VF will provide CRB with information about the event to distribute to committee.</li> </ul>		
5. Job Fair	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	5 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRB represented the GCD at the netWORKri/Rhodes to Independence job fair in October. Reported moderate attendance. SL was in attendance as an employer, hired a person from the job fair.</li> </ul>		
6. Upcoming Employment Events	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRB will be speaking the Realtors training in January and at the AOEC meeting at the DLT in February.</li> </ul>		
7. Staff report and questions	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No questions.</li> </ul>		
8. Announcement of next meeting	Paul Harden	2 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>February 18, 2010.</b> Question over 8/19/10 meeting date.</li> </ul>		
9. Adjournment	Paul Harden	2 min.