



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Employment Committee

Thursday, August 19, 2010 9–10:30 AM

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	<p>Pat Ryherd (Chair), Paul Harden, Sandy Lupovitz, Arthur Plitt, Melanie Sbardella, Vincent Rossi, Meryl Berstein</p>
<p>Attendees:</p>	
<p>Excused:</p>	<p>Vicki Ferrara, Cristina Amedeo</p>
<p>Guests:</p>	<p>Tim Flynn, Steve Brunero (ORS)</p>
<p>Staff:</p>	<p>Chris Rancourt Bruzzi</p>

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
<p>Clock graphic</p>	<p>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</p>	<p>Patricia Ryherd, Chairperson</p>	<p>9:00</p>
<p>Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:05 Introductions of Commissioners and guests</p>			
<p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented PH/MB unanimously approved.</p>			

Action Items:			
<p>money graphic</p>	<p>NEADA Contract Obligations</p>	<p>Pat Ryherd</p>	<p>9:10</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: Review the contract and the requirements regarding employment</p> <p>Discussion: Reviewed current contract. Noted the 4th quarter of the current contract ends on September 30, 2010 and the new NEADA contract will be issued after the current contract ends. Employer contact continues to be a focus. Current contract calls for interaction with colleges/universities as well as high schools. CR provided a summary of staff work completed to meet these contractual obligations.</p>			

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 	Planning: Employer Contacts ,College/University Disability Services & Career Development Staff Meetings, other	Pat Ryherd	9:45
<p>Purpose/Goal: Review what is currently planned and discuss other ideas for the rest of the year</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion: 1) The GCD has a table at the “We Mean Business” Expo sponsored by Every Company Counts. CR is scheduled to attend two Chamber of Commerce meetings in September and 1 meeting in October. CR will present at the Medical Home Programs, Resource Specialist training in September. 2) The next College/University meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2010 it’ll be held at EDC and the topic will be the labor market. CR is scheduled to speak with Donna Murray of DLT/LMI on August 31, 2010. The previous meetings on Autism and Returning Vets went very well as reported by MB. 3) Other – began discussion for next year’s employment committee work. Focus will still be on employers and education (high school and higher education). SB suggested a collaborative meeting with other agencies providing employment support. Other ideas included investigating Health and Human Services internships, creating a meaningful message, and, generating a reporting tool. CR/PH will formalize ideas documented.</p>			
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 <small>calendar graphic</small>	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Patricia Ryherd	10:25
<p>Items to be placed on the next meeting’s agenda: New NEADA Contract, Planning.</p>			
<p>Next meeting will be on: Thursday, October 21, 2010 9:00-10:30 Cranston Public Library</p>			

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 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Patricia Ryherd	10:30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> voting check off graphic	MOTION: To adjourn at 10:30 SL/AP unanimously approved.		

August 27, 2010

