



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, October 20, 2011 9-10:30 AM
 Governor's Commission on Disabilities
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Attendees:	Pat Ryherd (Chair), Vincent Rossi, Meryl Berstein, Jane Cannata (for Melanie), Sarah Everhart Skeels, Vicki Ferrara, Sandy Lupovitz		
Excused:	Arthur Plitt, Cristina Amedeo, Paul Harden, Melanie Sbardella, Linda Milner		
Staff:	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi		
	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 Clock graphic	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Pat Ryherd. Chair	9:00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> voting check off graphic	MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.		
	SEK/MB; unanimously approved.		
 money graphic	NEADA Contract Obligations	Pat Ryherd	9:05
	Purpose/Goal: Review new 5 year NEADA grant from NIDRR.		
	Discussion: The GCD has yet to receive the details regarding out responsibilities in the new grant. PR reviewed the abstract sent to NIDRR as part of the grant application from Valerie Fletcher. CRB provided an overview of the quarterly reports sent to NEADA.		
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 Woman presenting data on flipchart graphic	Staff report	Chris Rancourt Bruzzi	9:30
	Purpose/Goal: Review key staff activities.		

	<p>Key staff activities: CRB summarized the Oct. 19th College and University Staff meeting in which the presenters from Boston University's Center for Psychiatric Research discussed mental illness and employment and provided a synopsis of the feedback. In addition to the feedback surveys, other outcomes of the meeting included: JWU staff planning to hold a meeting to share the material and integrate what they learned and URI met with VF to discuss the Workforce Recruitment Program and the BLN. CRB also reported on the ADA and Title I presentation she delivered at Brown University to 110 college students and provided an overview of the feedback. She also reported on an upcoming presentation to a local insurance provider.</p> <p>The spring of 2012 College and University meeting topic will be on Assistive Technology.</p>		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: N/A		
 <small>5 people sitting at a table having a discussion</small>	Vice Chair	Pat Ryherd	10:00
	PR reviewed the role of the vice-chair. PH is the current vice-chair, however, it is time to elect a new one.		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	Motion: Sarah Everhart Skeels was nominated by VF. Unanimously approved.		
 <small>calendar graphic</small>	Next Meeting	Pat Ryherd	10:05
	Next meeting will be on: Thursday, February 16, 2012 9:00-10:30 in the GCD Conference Room (unless otherwise decided upon by the Executive Committee). CRB will advise accordingly.		
 <small>alarm clock graphic</small>	Adjournment	Patricia Ryherd	10:10
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: To adjourn		
	SEH/VF; unanimously approved.		

October 31, 2011