



**Governor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Employment Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday February 27, 2014 9:00 AM - 10:30AM**  
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**Attendees:** , Sarah Everhart Skeels (Chair.); Keri Rossi-D'entremont; Arthur Plitt  
**Excused:** Paul Harden(Vice Chair); Patricia Ryherd; Vincent Rossi; Vicki Ferrara; & Melanie Sbardella  
**Staff:** Christine Rancourt-Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator


**9:10 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Sarah Everhart Skeels, Chair**  
 Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:10. Welcome to the committee's newest member, Keri Rossi-D'entremont, RIC's Director of Disability Services.


**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented  
 Motion moved by SES, seconded by AP, *passed unanimously*

**Action Items:**


**9:05 Chris Rancourt Bruzzi**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To provide update in conference summary package and lessons learned  
**Discussion:** We have three bids in for the printing. Concern over when the materials will be printed. Turn around time from the printer will be quick but we need a response from Purchasing before we can send the materials out to be printed.


**Motion:** Recommend that Minute Man do the printing of the 100 copies of the booklets as they were the least expensive of the three bids  
 Motion moved by AP, seconded by KRD, *passed unanimously*


**9:15 Sarah Everhart Skeels**  
**Purpose/Goal:** To identify ideas and a date for the next college and university meeting  
**Discussion:** The next college and university meeting should focus on hiring a person with a disability, available resources, and success stories.

	<p>MOTION: Have a job accommodation solutions panel for the next meeting and the meeting will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sherlock Center from 8:45-11:00.  Motion moved by SES , seconded by KRD, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>9:30 Sarah Everhart Skeels</b>  <b>Purpose/Goal: To identify ideas on how to redirect employees from retiring based on disability to not retire and work with an accommodation.</b></p>
	<p>Discussion: To have a small Commission working group, a Commission Summit, consisting of more than employment committee members discuss this issue</p>
	<p>MOTION: Investigate the possibility of having a summit with key stakeholders to get buy-in on employment and pension issues  Motion moved by AP, seconded by SES, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>9:50 Sarah Everhart Skeels</b>  <b>Purpose/Goal: To identify ideas for the ADA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary</b>  Discussion: To have an event at the statehouse to celebrate the anniversary. Ask Congressman Langevin and others to discuss past, present, and future, highlight all the Commission's work. Invite the Press,</p>
	<p>MOTION: Present this idea of a celebration to the Commission.  Motion moved by SES, seconded by AP, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>10:10 Sarah Everhart Skeels</b>  <b>Purpose/Goal: Confirm date and set agenda items for next meeting</b>  Discussion:  The next scheduled meeting is April 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Agenda items: College and University Meeting.</p>
	<p>MOTION: Motion moved by SES, seconded by KRD, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>10:30 Adjourn, Sarah Everhart Skeels</b>  MOTION: To adjourn at 10:30  Motion moved by SES, seconded by AP, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>