



**Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Employment Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, June 20, 2014 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
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Attendees: Sarah Everhart Skeels (Chair.); Paul Harden(Vice Chair); Vincent Rossi; and, Melanie Sbardella

Excused: Patricia Ryherd; Vicki Ferrara; Keri Rossi-D'entremont; and, Arthur Plitt

Staff: Christine Rancourt-Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator



10:05 Sarah Everhart Skeels

Purpose/Goal: Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 10:05.



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

Action Items:



10:10 Chris Rancourt Bruzzi

Purpose/Goal: To provide update in conference summary package

Discussion: 100 conference summary booklets have been printed by Minute Man press and are ready to be mailed. A draft letter was created to accompany the conference summary booklet.



Motion: To accept the draft letter with 2 revisions: the addition of the GCD abbreviation and a link to the Survey Monkey survey.
 Motion moved by SES, seconded by PH, passed unanimously



10:25 Sarah Everhart Skeels

Purpose/Goal: To discuss if the GCD will be having a 2nd "A Better Bottom Line Conference"

Discussion: If there will be a 2nd conference, the target audience would still be on employers. More information is needed before a decision to go forward with the conference. The Survey Monkey survey will include questions about the a 2nd conference and specific details e.g. location, time, etc.

	<p>Motion: To hold off on making a decision about the conference until the Survey Monkey survey data is returned. Motion moved by SES, seconded by PH, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p>10:40 Chris Rancourt Bruzzi</p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To brief the committee on NEADA Grant employment activities since the last meeting</p> <p>Discussion: Example of complaints received was provided. Summary of the “Increasing Employment Opportunities” for college and university disability services and career services meeting held at the Sherlock Center on June 4th was given. Feedback was very positive. Keri Rossi-D'entremont (RIC) was acknowledged for her contributions to this meeting.</p>
	<p>Motion: Future Increasing Employment Opportunities meeting should include college and university educators. Motion moved by SES, seconded by MS, passed unanimously</p>
	<p>10:55 Sarah Everhart Skeels</p> <p>Purpose/Goal: Confirm date and set agenda items for next meeting</p> <p>Discussion: To have the next meeting is in July to discuss if the GCD will be hosting a second “A Better Bottom Line” Conference.</p>
	<p>Motion: Next meeting date July 15, 2014 to discuss the possibility of having a conference based in part on the Survey Monkey data received Motion moved by SES, seconded by VR, passed unanimously</p>
	<p>11:00 Adjourn, Sarah Everhart Skeels</p>
	<p>Motion: To adjourn at 11:00 Motion moved by SES, seconded by MS, passed unanimously</p>