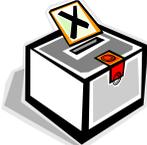




**Governor's Commission on Disabilities  
Employment Committee  
Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**  
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**Attendees:** Sarah Everhart Skeels (Chair.); Vincent Rossi; Melanie Sbardella; and, Keri Rossi-D'entremont  
**Absentees:** Arthur Plitt; Vicki Ferrara  
**Staff:** Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator

 **9:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Sarah Everhart Skeels, Chair**  
 Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:06

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

**Action Items:**

**9:08 Sarah Everhart Skeels**  
 **Purpose/Goal:** Discuss the College and University meeting which will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at RIC in the Student Union Ballroom  
 Discussion included having two speakers: an attorney and person from a school who is working on the accessibility issue for all educational materials. CRB will contact an attorney and the NEADA for potential speakers. A questionnaire will be developed in advance to get input from the guests to guide the speaker's remarks.

**9:35 Sarah Everhart Skeels**  
 **Purpose/Goal:** Discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> "A Better Bottom Line" Conference  
 Discussion: The date for the conference is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The location was discussed. CRB will contact Rory Carmody regarding a potential location. The committee will identify potential locations that will be discussed at the next meeting. The speakers will consist of pairings of an employer and a person with a disability. The Committee will identify potential pairings that will be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee will also identify whom to market the event to so that businesses make up the majority of the audience. CRB will contact Liz Hubbard from the Disability Law Center to see if she will speak at the conference on the ADA.

	<p><b>9:55 5 NE ADA Employment Activities, Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Assistant ADA Coordinator</b></p> <p><b>Purpose/Goal:</b> To discuss employment activities since the last meeting</p> <p>Discussion: Due to time limitations, CRB told the Committee that she has been invited to speak at the ADA Symposium in Atlanta in May on the ADA and Wellness</p>
	<p><b>9:55 Agenda for the Next Meeting, Sarah Everhart Skeels</b></p> <p><b>Purpose/Goal:</b> To set the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: Due to events planned for April and May, there should be a meeting before the planned April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Given the amount of work that needs to be done, the meeting should begin at 9:00 rather than 9:30 and go until 11:00.</p>
	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Have the next meeting on Feb. 5, 2015 and the meeting will be from 9:00-11:00.  Motion moved by VR, seconded by SB, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>10:00 Adjournment, Sarah Everhart Skeels</b></p>
	<p><b>MOTION:</b> To adjourn at 10:00  Motion moved by KR, seconded by VR, <i>passed/unanimous</i></p>