

## **Coordinator's Report**

### **October 4, 2012**

#### **Membership/Recruitment:**

This summer, I was busy pursuing potential applicants for membership and sifting through and organizing term information for SRC members.

Hugh Bradshaw, VR Employment Services Manager, sent out an email to his contacts requesting names of possible candidates. James Smith submitted a name. Mark Ciociola, VR Regional Manager, Burlington and Middlebury, spoke with his staff and was able to identify a strong candidate. And I identified a few names from past SRC files and SRC events.

Here is a brief summary of individuals contacted this summer.

Joann Marshall, Human Resources Manager, Rutland Hannafords. Joann showed a great interest in becoming a member of the SRC. Unfortunately, due to health concerns she is unable to commit at this time. She has requested I contact her again in the Spring of 2013.

Chris Masi, Human Resources, Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT. Chris was one of the presenters at the legislative gathering held by the AOE Committee in April 2012. Chris had expressed some interest in membership during the gathering. I emailed Chris a few times this summer but did not receive any response from him.

Owen Milne, Manager of Corporate Accounts and Integrated Interiors, Red Thread. Owen had been the director of development for Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibilities, as well as, serving on the Governors Council for the Employment of People with Disabilities. Owen expressed interest in possible future membership on the SRC. Currently he is serving on other boards and cannot spare the time. He requested that I contact him in the Fall of 2013.

John Killacky, Executive Director, Flynn Theater in Burlington. James forwarded this individual's name from Susan Wells. Susan had read an article in the Orleans County Record about him. John is a person with a disability and recently presented 3 short films about disability at the Catamount Arts. John is not interested in membership on the SRC at this time, due to other commitments.

Laban Hill, VR consumer and employed at Howard Center in a direct services role. Mark Ciociola forwarded Laban's name to me in August 2012. Laban has already submitted his application and it is on its way to the Governor's office.

There is one new appointment to the SRC.

Allen Evans, submitted his application for membership in May 2012. Allen Evans was appointed to the SRC, effective, September 12, 2012.

Susan Spaulding and I worked together this summer to organize and confirm all term information for SRC members. The Governor meets with Susan every quarter to review current membership and vacancies on the Council. We now have a clear picture of SRC membership.

I was approached by the DBVI this summer in regards to coordinating their SRC. However, the decision was made to continue the coordination of their Council in house.

I have now completed my first year as Coordinator for the SRC. I have enjoyed this year immensely. I can honestly say that I love doing this work. And working with the members of the SRC has been a privilege. You are all wonderful people. I have learned so much this year and am eagerly anticipating the next year and the experiences it will bring. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

The one sadness this year comes from the passing of Don. Throughout this year, Don provided me with a ton of support and encouragement. He was always available to answer a question, and I had many this first year. And he was always quick to tell me that I was doing a great job. When I spoke with Don, the week that he passed, he shared with me that he considered me a friend. I will always appreciate that friendship.

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