

# Minutes – January 5, 2012

## SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, January 5, 2012	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Sam Liss (Chair) at 1:33 pm.	
Members Present	Christine Kilpatrick, Ellie Marshall, Don Parrish, Whitney Nichols (via phone) and Sarah Launderville (via phone).	
Members Absent	Jennifer Whitmore, Diane Fowler and John Alexander	
SRC Liaison	James Smith, DVR Budget and Policy Manager	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
<b>1. Today's Agenda</b>		
2 minutes	-----	
<b>Discussion</b>	Agenda items #3 and #9 switched to accommodate meeting members.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	No other changes to agenda.	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2011 Committee Meeting</b>		
3 minutes	-----	
<b>Discussion</b>	Don Parrish moved to accept minutes. Christine Kilpatrick 2nded.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Minutes approved unanimously.	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
Approved minutes to be uploaded to website.		Rebekah M. Stephens
		<b>Deadline</b>
		1/23/2012
<b>3. Continued Regular Meetings with Administration</b>		
10 minutes	Sam Liss	
<b>Discussion</b>	Sam Liss gave update on status of meetings. Patrick Flood is now the Commissioner of Mental Health and Christine Oliver has taken Patrick Flood's position. The January 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting is up in the air at this point. Diane Dalmasse believes that Christine Oliver will now take Patrick Flood's position at the meetings.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Sam Liss will keep the committee members updated on the progression of the meetings throughout this transition.	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
Follow up on January 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting with Administration and let Sam Liss know.		Diane Dalmasse
		<b>Deadline</b>
		1/10/2012
<b>4. Continued Discussion of Legislative Gatherings</b>		
15 minutes	Christine Kilpatrick and Sarah Launderville	
<b>Discussion</b>	Christine Kilpatrick and Sarah Launderville were unable to get together on this issue to date. The members discussed the initial rollout of Legislative Gatherings and how the process was not as successful as hoped at the time. More discussion on this topic is needed, however, some ideas for future gatherings were offered: Employer panel highlighting success stories, a panel on progressive employment and a SRC sponsored legislative gathering.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Christine Kilpatrick, Sarah Launderville and Sam Liss will get together to discuss the logistics and themes of future gatherings. Christine Kilpatrick will head up the themes and Sam Liss will head up the logistics.	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
Christine Kilpatrick, Sarah Launderville and Sam Liss to meet to discuss future gatherings.		Sam Liss
		<b>Deadline</b>
		1/31/2012
<b>5. MWPD (Medicaid for Working People with Disabilities) Next Steps For Advocates</b>		
15 minutes	Sam Liss	
<b>Discussion</b>	Sam Liss, Diane Dalmasse and Susan Wells have had a preliminary discussion. Brendan Hogan (Bailit Health Purchasing) has held meetings with DAIL- VR, DCF and DVHA. Five queries have been posed to address eliminating disincentives. The lead query is to see how much the State could save if it does not stop paying Medicaid Part B when a person becomes eligible for MWPD. A decision will be made on Friday (January 6, 2012) as to whether or not a hearing will be requested.	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
Continued monitoring and updates		Sam Liss
		<b>Deadline</b>
		ongoing
<b>6. Health Care Reform Update – Input from Disability Community (includes Dual Eligibles Project)</b>		
15 minutes	Sam Liss	
<b>Discussion</b>	Joint Position Paper on Access to Health Care: This is the forerunner of universal health care – single	

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payer system. Hopefully the Dual Eligibles Project will be part of the overall health care system. Health Care Reform is currently in the design phase. Sam Liss has applied to the Health Care Advisory Group to the Health Care Advisory Board.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Update on Sam Liss's application to Health Care Advisory Group	Sam Liss	TBD
Continued monitoring and updates	Sam Liss	ongoing
<b>7. Veterans Issues</b>		
10 minutes	Diane Dalmasse	
<b>Discussion</b>	3 VR counselors have been identified to assist with the overflow of cases from the VR& E counselors on a fee for services basis. MOU with VR&E has been fully executed. National Governor's Association has been working with Sue Bartlett on top Veterans Issues. The Customs and Immigration Initiative event went well.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	To date there have not been any updates on the progress of the National Governor's Association top Veterans Issues or the Customs and Immigration Initiative. It is a little too soon for updates.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Continued monitoring and updates	Diane Dalmasse	ongoing
<b>8. Transportation Challenges</b>		
10 minutes	Whitney Nichols	
<b>Discussion</b>	Use of video conferencing for committee meetings was discussed. Expanding the Ticket to Ride Program was also discussed. Sarah Launderville suggested Whitney Nichols speak with Peter Johnke from VCIL regarding this issues. Peter Johnke has a strong background in the Ticket to Ride Program and general transportation issues. Sarah Launderville offered to call Peter Johnke and have him contact Whitney Nichols directly.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Research needs to be done on the feasibility of expanding the Ticket to Ride Program.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Make contact with Peter Johnke and have him contact Whitney Nichols	Sarah Launderville	2/10/2012
Draft a summary on feasibility of expanding the Ticket to Ride Program	Whitney Nichols	3/1/2012
<b>9. Continued Discussion on Education of Employers and the General Public about the Needs of People with Severe Disabilities</b>		
20 minutes	Christine Kilpatrick	
<b>Discussion</b>	Christine Kilpatrick gave a brief overview. Finding information about Vermont and this issue has proven to be difficult. Sam Liss suggested she contact Hugh Bradshaw about Vermont statistics and information. Sarah Launderville suggested the Walgreens website as a possible source for information on successful hiring of persons with disabilities.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Christine Kilpatrick will develop a one page document with an eye catching coversheet detailing Vermont information and statistics on this topic along with several real life direct employer success stories. The idea is to have a concise information source with a human interest theme that will catch and keep the legislature's attention.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Develop the information document on this topic	Christine Kilpatrick	TBD
<b>10. Pertinent National Updates</b>		
10 minutes	Sam Liss	
<b>Discussion</b>	None.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Carried over to March 1, 2012 Committee meeting	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Put on March 1, 2012 agenda	Rebekah M. Stephens	2/20/2012
<b>11. Other Business</b>		
10 minutes	-----	
<b>Discussion</b>	Diane Dalmasse had no modernization updates. No other business.	
<b>12. Adjournment</b>		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Draft Minutes Respectfully submitted to the Committee for Approval	Rebekah M. Stephens	2/3/2012