

# Minutes – January 7, 2016

## SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, January 7, 2016	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	VR Office – 94 Harvest Lane Williston VT 05495 AT Training Room
Meeting called by	Alaina Clements, Chair at 1:35 pm	
Members Present	Diane Dalmasse, Sam Liss, Martha Frank and Leslie Walker Mitchell	
Members Absent	Olivia Smith-Hammond	
SRC Liaison	n/a	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Presenters	n/a	
Guests	Jessalyn Gustin	
<b>1. Today's Agenda</b>		
2 minutes	Alaina Clements	
<b>Discussion</b>	Leslie Walker Mitchell moved to accept. Sam Liss 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Today's agenda accepted.	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2015 Committee Meeting</b>		
3 minutes	-----	
<b>Discussion</b>	No discussion. Leslie Walker Mitchell moved to accept. Sam Liss 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Minutes approved.	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
Upload approved minutes to <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>		Rebekah Stephens
		1/15/2016
<b>3. Updates – Federal: SSDI Update</b>		
10 minutes	Sam Liss	
<b>Discussion</b>	No new updates on SSDI (Social Security Disability Income). Sam provided updates on: the CareerAccess Project is coming to Vermont but rolling out slowly. This is primarily a project that will emphasize employment for SSI (Social Security Income) youth. Vermont is hoping to be a pilot state. Disability Awareness Day is scheduled for March 23, 2016. Good News on the Medicaid Buy-in Incentives; It is right on track and the climate is positive. Complex Rehabilitative Technology has been given a one-year reprieve. It will not be put out to bid at this time. The Independent Living Tool funding will be renewed on the state level. This is great news.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Thank you, Sam!	
<b>Action Items</b>		<b>Person Responsible</b>
None		n/a
		n/a
<b>4. Updates – VR Budget and WIOA</b>		
30 minutes	Diane Dalmasse	
<b>Discussion</b>	DVR budget is in very good shape. The last 6 years, VT DVR has been able to match their federal funding and receive those reallocation funds. VT DVR was able to draw down \$5.8 million in funds over and above their basic federal award. This has allowed VT DVR to put \$2.5 million towards PETS (Pre-employment Transition Services). The next couple of years could see some budget issues due to the Medicaid budget shortfalls on the state level. The Unified State Plan is in process and is due on March 3, 2016. A pilot program with the Rutland Workforce Investment Board (WIB), DVR and local businesses is beginning. The program focuses on providing classroom training (6 months) and paid internships (6 months) with livable wages, to youth in the area. The national rollout of PETS is somewhat all over the map at this time. If VR agencies don't spend the PETS funding, it gets sent back to the federal treasury. The final WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) regulations are anticipated by Spring 2016.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Thank you, Diane!	

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Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
<b>5. Discussion – SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Work Requirement</b>			
15 minutes	Diane Dalmasse		
<b>Discussion</b>	The SNAP pilot program is moving forward. DVR will be hiring 6 clinicians; and along with the 6 existing EAPs (Employee Assistance Program) will serve this population. There will be deep dives into what is needed to serve this population. There are 1500 people in the treatment group and 1500 people in the control group. The pilot program is set to occur over 3 years. The 90-day work requirement can be waived for individuals with a disability. If an individual is working with DVR they are not required to work with DOL (Department of Labor). An individual can choose to work with both DVR and DOL but it is not required.		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Some local education may need to be done to educate the DVR and DOL staff on the work requirements.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
<b>6. Discussion – Cardroom Agenda for April 1, 2016</b>			
30 minutes	Committee members		
<b>Discussion</b>	The SRC has the Cardroom beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . The following suggestions were made for potential topics for the day – recruitment of employers who have hired DVR consumers to man the table, SRC business members to man the table, rotating shifts so that employers and SRC members don't have to sit there all day, connect with Nat Piper (VR Business Account Manager) for employer recommendations from Montpelier area, recruit youth to man the table, connect the employer with the youth hired and have both together at the table, serve popcorn and show progressive employment video on an endless loop.		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Rebekah Stephens will connect with Nat Piper, Spencer Lemons and Adam Leonard, as to availability to participate on April 1, 2016. Include final review of plan for the day on March 3, 2016 AOE meeting agenda.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Include “Final review of April 1, 2016 Cardroom Agenda” on March 3, 2016 AOE meeting agenda		Rebekah Stephens	2/19/2016
<b>7. Other Business</b>			
25 minutes	Committee members		
<b>Discussion</b>	None.		
<b>Conclusions</b>	None.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
<b>8. Adjournment</b>			
5 minutes	Alaina Clements		
<b>Discussion</b>	Leslie Walker Mitchell moved to adjourn. Sam Liss 2 <sup>nd</sup> .		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Adjourned at 3:07 pm.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval		Rebekah Stephens	2/5/2016
Draft minutes uploaded to website <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>		Rebekah Stephens	2/5/2016
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