

Minutes – November 6, 2014

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, November 6, 2014	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Anthony Williams at 1:45pm	
Members Present	Diane Dalmasse, Patti Shane, Leslie Mitchell, Sam Liss and Whitney Nichols (via phone)	
Members Absent	Sarah Launderville	
SRC Liaison	n/a	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Presenters	n/a	
Facilitator	n/a	
1. Today's Agenda		
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Discussion	Sam Liss requested that a brief overview of the MWPD Work Incentives Enhancements be included on today's agenda.	
Conclusions	Brief overview of the MWPD Work Incentives Enhancements added to Other Business.	
2. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2014 and September 4, 2014		
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Discussion	Patti Shane made motion to approve. Leslie Mitchell 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Minutes approved.	
Action Items		
Approved minutes to be uploaded to www.VTSRC.org	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Rebekah Stephens	11/14/2014
3. Discussion – SRC Involvement around Joint Project with Governor's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities (GCEPD) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)		
-----	Diane Dalmasse	
Discussion	SRC is inviting the chairs of the SILC and GCEPD to the February 5, 2015 meeting. Future collaboration between the Councils will be discussed at the February SRC meeting. DVR is planning to host a Governor's Summit around "diversity in the workplace" sometime around June 2015.	
Conclusions	Diane will include an update on the June 2015 Governor's Summit during her next SRC Director's Report.	
Action Items		
Send reminder to Diane Dalmasse to include update on June 2015 DVR Governor's Summit in her December 2014 full SRC Director's Report	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Rebekah Stephens	11/21/2014
4. Discussion – Tax Incentives and Special Populations		
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Discussion	The discussion began with tax incentives for employers to hire mature workers and what would this look like? Diane Dalmasse referred to the already existing "Work Opportunity Tax Credit." This is a federal tax credit. Diane will speak with Hugh Bradshaw and Christine McCarthy around ensuring that all Business Account Managers (BAMs) and VABIR consultants are kept informed about all existing tax credits. DVR is hiring Greg Voorhies as the new Mature Worker Coordinator. Greg's responsibilities will include assisting with implementation of recommendations and overseeing the mature workers program. Diane will discuss this credit with Greg when he comes on board this December.	
Conclusions	Invite Greg Voorhies to February 2015 full SRC meeting. Schedule 10 minutes on the agenda for an introduction and a brief overview of what he is doing.	

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Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Invite Greg Voorhies to February 5, 2015 full SRC meeting		Rebekah Stephens	12/10/2014
Include 10 minute introductions and overview of “what Greg has been doing” on February 5, 2015 full SRC meeting agenda		Rebekah Stephens	1/23/2015
5. Updates from VR Director			
-----	Diane Dalmasse		
Discussion	After 16 years on a continuing resolution, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) has been passed. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will remain in the Department of Education. There will be tremendous focus on improving services to youth. Vermont DVR will be required to spend 15% of their budget on students with disabilities between the ages of 14 & 22. That is 1.3 million dollars this year and 2.25 million dollars next year. Diane and James Smith will be attending a meeting on pre-employment services for youth. Currently the regulations around this do not exist. The deadline for developing the regulations is January 1, 2015. A major consideration is that as soon as a student exits school the services provided to that individual will no longer be counted under that 15% requirement. Therefore other DVR service funds will need to be accessed. This will shift resources from serving adults to serving youth in school. DVR is proactively meeting this challenge and has already met with transition counselors and set up a group to take a look at what this means for VT DVR. DVR receives about \$300,000 in Title 6B money; of which \$150,000 is spent on youth from ages 16 to 24. This is youth in general, not just students. The youth services are referred to as Pre-employment Transition Services (PETS). VT DVR is well positioned to meet this need because of their long-standing commitment to students and youth. The Assistive Technology Services program will be moving into the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The Title 7 programs are also moving into the ACL.		
Conclusions	Diane Dalmasse will update the AOE Committee on the upcoming PETS meeting.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
6. Other Business			
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Discussion	Sam Liss gave a brief update on MWPD Work Incentives Enhancements. Progress has been slow. Whitney Nichols stated that data on work incentives for mature workers should also be collected. Anthony Williams wanted to know where Vermont Associates will now be located. Diane Dalmasse explained that DVR and Greg Voorhies will now have oversight for the State grant portion of this program.		
Conclusions	Thank you, Sam and Whitney, for the updates.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
7. Adjournment			
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Discussion	Sam Liss moved to adjourn. Leslie Mitchell 2 nd .		
Conclusions	Adjourned at 3:05 pm.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval		Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2014
Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org		Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2014
Draft minutes emailed to Committee members		Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2014
Minutes approved by Committee		Committee Members	1/8/2015
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org		Rebekah Stephens	1/16/2015