

Minutes – May 1, 2014

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, May 1, 2014	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Whitney Nichols, Committee member at 1:40 p.m. via phone	
Members Present	Diane Dalmasse	
Members Absent	Sarah Launderville, Patti Shane and Anthony Williams	
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	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Accepted.	
2. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2013, January 9, 2014 (Cancelled) and March 10, 2014 Committee Meetings		
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Discussion	A simple majority of members were not in attendance today. A simple majority is considered 1 more than half. The AOE Committee consists of 4 voting members. 3 members are needed to reach a quorum for voting purposes. Minutes could not be voted on today as a quorum was not reached.	
Conclusions	An email vote will be conducted so that minutes can be approved and posted to www.VTSRC.org . Email vote taken on 5/6/2014. All minutes approved by a quorum vote of members.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Email November 7, 2013, January 9, 2014 (Cancelled) and March 10, 2014 Committee meeting minutes to AOE Committee members for vote of approval	Rebekah Stephens	5/6/2014
Approved minutes to be uploaded to SRC website	Rebekah Stephens	5/9/2014
3. Discussion – Joint Project with Governor's Committee and SILC		
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Discussion	The Governor's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities (GCEPD) is planning on hosting a disability awareness event during the month of October at Norwich University. The focus of the event will be on Veteran's. Diane Dalmasse suggested it be expanded to include diversity and disability in the workplace. Does the SRC want to get involved around this?	
Conclusions	Include discussion of this topic on the September 4, 2014 AOE agenda.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Include "Discussion – SRC involvement around Joint Project with Governor's Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities (GCEPD) and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) on September 4, 2014 AOE agenda	Rebekah Stephens	8/22/2014
4. Update on S. 1356		
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Discussion	Senator Harkin has been pushing to get WIA reauthorized. Unfortunately, there are several provisions that VR opposes within the current legislation. The bill proposes to move the RSA to DOL. VR is strongly opposed to this. Diane and Hugh Bradshaw met with the Washington legislators in April. Since April, a "preconference" committee was convened to work out the differences between the House WIA version (Skills Act) and the Senate WIA version. Some good news coming out of the "preconference" committee is that the RSA may not move to the DOL. The Senate needs to vote on their version of the WIA	

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before the formal conference committee may be convened. The provision that removes the educational requirements for VR counselors is still in the bill. VR is continuing to educate the legislators, as to why moving the RSA and taking away educational requirements for VR counselors would not benefit consumers.		
Conclusions	Diane will continue to update the SRC as the process moves forward.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
5. Discussion – Tax Incentives and Special Populations		
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Discussion	None.	
Conclusions	Agenda item carried over to September 4, 2014 AOE Committee meeting agenda.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Include “Discussion- Tax Incentives and Special Populations” on September 4, 2014 AOE agenda	Rebekah Stephens	8/22/2014
6. Updates from VR Director		
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Discussion	Good news – DVR has gotten the go ahead to create a position in central office that focuses specifically on the mature worker in Vermont. This is a relatively untapped labor pool. This position will be funded by the federal Senior Community Employment Program and the Older American’s Act. DVR funds will not be used. This position will assist in placing workers with employers.	
Conclusions	DVR’s intention is to fill the position by June.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
7. Discussion – Card Room reserved for 5/27/2014		
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Discussion	Legislature may be adjourning well before 5/27/2014.	
Conclusions	Would the Card Room be available for next year’s session?	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Determine if Card Room is available for next year’s session	Rebekah Stephens	5/8/2014
8. Other Business		
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Discussion	None.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
9. Adjournment		
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Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	5/30/2014
Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	5/30/2014
Emailed draft minutes to Committee members	Rebekah Stephens	5/30/2014
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	9/4/2014
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	9/12/2014