

# Minutes – January 8, 2015

## SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, January 8, 2015	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Video Conference – Rutland VR & Williston VR
Meeting called by	Sarah Launderville (Chair) at 1:30 pm	
Members Present	Diane Dalmasse, Patti Shane, Leslie Mitchell, Anthony Williams and Whitney Nichols (via phone)	
Members Absent	none	
SRC Liaison	-----	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	-----	
Speakers/Presenters	-----	
Guests	-----	
1. Today's Agenda		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Sam Liss would like to add a quick update on MWPD (Medicaid for Working People with Disabilities). Diane Dalmasse would like to hear a little around the upcoming Disability Day.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Topics added under "Other Business".	
2. Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2014 Committee Meeting		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Patti Shane moved to approve. Leslie Mitchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No discussion.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Minutes approved.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Upload approved minutes to <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>		Rebekah Stephens
		1/16/2015
3. Discussion – Follow Up from the 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual SRC Retreat		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Sarah Launderville summarized the AOE goals from the 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual SRC Retreat: Discussions around Disparities, Becoming more inclusionary, Bringing partners together, Common language/ Respectful language and its use – making sure VR staff know what the new Act says. "How do we (AOE/SRC) support VR around individuals that have involvement with the criminal justice system and are having difficulty finding employment?" Offering Title 1 ADA (American with Disability Act) training for all VR and VABIR employment staff – ensuring that all staff is on the same page. Diane Dalmasse shared that VR has just finished testing a training program for the employment staff through CCV (Community College of Vermont). It is an online course. Diane stated that DAIL (Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living) used to offer a training on ADA with a focus on Title 1. David Sagi is the current DAIL ADA Coordinator. He is working on re-initiating this training. Diane suggested inviting David Sagi and Hugh Bradshaw to the next AOE meeting. David could speak on what he is doing with the ADA training etc. Hugh could speak on CWS (Creative Workforce Solutions). Committee agrees with this suggestion.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Invite David Sagi and Hugh Bradshaw to the March AOE Committee meeting.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Invite David Sagi to March 5, 2015 AOE Committee meeting		Rebekah Stephens
Invite Hugh Bradshaw to March 5, 2015 Committee meeting		Rebekah Stephens
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4. Discussion – Develop 2015 AOE Committee Work Plan		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Sarah Launderville put it out to the Committee for suggestions on 2015 Work Plan topics. "Where should the AOE focus its efforts in 2015?" Suggestions were made to focus efforts on: 1. "Socio-Economic Determinants of Employment, Housing & Transportation", 2. "Care not Incarceration for	

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individuals with mental health disabilities”, 3. Restorative justice, 4. PETS (Pre-employment Transition Services, 5. Youth and corrections, 6. Common respectful language and ADA training for VR & VABIR staff,		
7. Collaboration across the SILC, GCEPD and the SRC.		
<b>Conclusions</b>	Sarah will reach out to the SILC and the GCEPD to see about a possible AOE/SILC/GCEPD combined meeting. Sarah will put together a calendar of the upcoming year to encompass all the topic suggestions.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Reach out to SILC and GCEPD	Sarah Launderville	1/31/2015
Put together calendar for 2015 year with what is happening and who will have responsibility over each topic	Sarah Launderville & Rebekah Stephens	TBD
<b>5. Updates from VR Director</b>		
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<b>Discussion</b>	PETS (Pre-Employment Training Services) are the main focus for VR. Per the WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) VR must allocate 15% of total resources towards services for in-school youth in transition. How can VR come into compliance with this requirement and provide quality services to in-school youth with disabilities? VR will have to redirect funds from adults to in-school youth and young adults. There is a meeting of VR and their partners on January 16 <sup>th</sup> to discuss staffing and funding. VR is working on a process to work with schools to provide services for in-school youth before the youth exit school. VR is also working on putting together a large student summer work program. VR should have a full plan to share with the SRC by the February 5, 2015 SRC meeting. VR will be ending their General Assistance (GA) Program. This will free up 6 VR counselors and 4 GA counselors to be reallocated towards the PETS initiative. Ending the GA Program will free up approximately \$900,000. This is a huge undertaking and VR is aiming to have it all completed and in place by July 1, 2015. VR has hired a Mature Worker Coordinator - Greg Voorheis. He will be working with VR 3 days a week. He will taking a look at how VR is servicing the mature worker and he will be making suggestions when necessary on how to better deliver services.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	VR is going through many changes. VR has a plan to handle changes and continue to provide quality services to all of its consumers. Diane will provide a complete update to the full SRC at the February 5, 2015 meeting.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
None	n/a	n/a
<b>6. Other Business</b>		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Susan Wells was the VR point person for MWPDP ( Medicaid for Working People with Disabilities). Susan Wells retired and VR has not yet replaced her. Diane Dalmasse does not have any new information on MWPDP at this time. Diane will ask Peter Burt to provide an update on MWPDP for AOE. Sam Liss provided a brief summary of the presentation before the Green Mountain Care Board on “Socio-Economic Determinants on Health”. The socio-economic determinants addressed were employment, housing, and transportation. The major point of the presentation was that it is beneficial to address the non-medical socio-economic determinants and that they should not be overlooked when putting together an appropriate medical model. If these non-medical determinants are met health costs can be lowered overall. Sarah Launderville shared a little on Disability Day, March 18, 2015. Andy Imparato will be coming in as a speaker. There will be workshops throughout the day. Diane offered to have VR host a workshop on CWS (Creative Workforce Solutions) or on VR in general.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Diane heard a radio report that Medicaid funds are being used to pay for housing in NY.	

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Diane feels it would be beneficial to know more about this topic. Whitney Nichols agreed. Sam wanted to know if it would be possible to put out some feelers at the Statehouse to see if there is something that can be salvaged now that the “one-payer system” for healthcare is off the table? Diane supports making employment, housing and transportation a focus for the AOE Committee in 2015. Committee members agree.		
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Gather some additional information around using Medicaid funds to pay for housing	Sarah Lauderdaleville	TBD
<b>7. Adjournment</b>		
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<b>Discussion</b>	Anthony Williams moved to adjourn. Sam Liss 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No discussion.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Adjourned at 3:13 PM.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	2/6/2015
Draft minutes emailed to Committee members	Rebekah Stephens	2/6/2015
Draft minutes uploaded to website <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>	Rebekah Stephens	2/6/2015
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	3/5/2015
Approved minutes uploaded to website <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>	Rebekah Stephens	3/13/2015