

Minutes – November 5, 2015

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, November 5, 2015	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Alaina Clements, AOE Committee member at 12:15 pm	
Members Present	Sam Liss and Leslie Walker Mitchell	
Members Absent	Martha Frank, Diane Dalmasse and Olivia Smith-Hammond	
SRC Liaison	n/a	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Presenters	n/a	
Facilitator/Guests	n/a	
1. Today's Agenda		
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Discussion	Diane Dalmasse is unable to attend today's meeting. Committee members suggested removing agenda item #6 from today's agenda as Diane is not here to provide update. Leslie Walker Mitchell moved to accept today's agenda with change. Sam Liss 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Today's agenda accepted with change.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
None		n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2015 Committee Meeting		
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Discussion	No discussion. Sam Liss moved to approve. Leslie Walker Mitchell 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Minutes approved.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Approved minutes to be uploaded to www.VTSRC.org		Rebekah Stephens
		11/13/2015
3. Election of New Committee Chair		
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Discussion	Alaina Clements deferred to Sam Liss to handle the election of the new AOE Committee chair. Alaina has been nominated for Chair and has accepted the nomination. Sam called for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor. Sam called for a vote. Unanimous vote for Alaina.	
Conclusions	Congratulations, Alaina!	
Action Items		Person Responsible
None		n/a
4. Discussion – Committee Direction 2016 Plan: Review of 2016 Goals from SRC 8th Annual Retreat		
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Discussion	The Committee reviewed the goals listed in the 8 th Annual Retreat report. Sam Liss explained to the Committee members how to basically set goals around these broad goals. Goal 1 – “Find a New Chair for the Committee” – new chair elected today. Goal 2 – “Be mindful/monitor budget around Medicaid” - invite someone from DVHA (Department of Vermont Health Access) to come address AOE in March 2016. Goal 3 – “Make sure ground is not lost with new WIOA regulations” - Diane Dalmasse can provide this update to AOE. Include a WIOA update as a standing agenda item. Also keep an eye out for advocacy opportunities through the updates provided by Diane at the AOE meetings. SSDI updates are included under this goal. SSDI updates should be a separate standing agenda item – 10 minutes will be provided on the agenda for Sam to give update to the AOE Committee. The SRC has reserved the Statehouse Card Room for April 1, 2016 from 8am – afternoon. Goal 4 – “Discuss the use of Social Media and DVR” – invite the DVR	

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staff responsible for this topic to the May 2016 AOE Committee meeting. Goal 5 – “Take a look at SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) work requirement” - Leslie Walker Mitchell explained that when an individual is working with VR and Department of Labor at the same time and receiving SNAP, the individual will be doing double work requirements for VR and DOL. Let’s have a discussion around this with Diane at the January 2016 (give 15 minutes on the agenda). Goal 6 – “Ongoing monitoring of national implementation of Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS)” include this topic under Diane’s standing agenda item “WIOA Update”. Goal 7 – “Take a continuing look at the Career Access Project” - include under Diane’s standing agenda item “WIOA Update”.		
Conclusions	Excellent work!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Invite DVHA to March 3, 2016 AOE Committee meeting	Rebekah Stephens	TBD
Set a standing agenda item for “WIOA Update”	Rebekah Stephens	on-going
Set a standing agenda item for “SSDI Update”	Rebekah Stephens	on-going
Include “Planning of Card Room agenda” on January 7, 2016 AOE Committee meeting agenda	Rebekah Stephens	12/25/2015
Include “Discuss the use of Social Media and DVR” on May 5, 2016 AOE Committee meeting agenda and invite the appropriate DVR staff to the meeting	Rebekah Stephens	TBD
Include updates on Career Access Project and National Implementation of PETS under standing agenda item “WIOA Updates”	Rebekah Stephens	on-going
5. Updates - Federal		
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Discussion	The Disability Trust Fund that pays out SSDI will not be able to fulfill its obligations as of November 1, 2016. 20% will have to be cut from SSDI benefits and long term the program will have to be restructured. To prevent the 20% cut from SSDI Congress decided to redirect Social Security Retirement Trust Fund monies to the Disability Trust Fund. This will tie over the program until 2022; which by that time, hopefully, a restructured system that is supposed to save money will be in place. Putting people back into the workforce is a huge piece of this restructuring plan. Better electronic recording to prevent overpaying is also being developed. Fraud prevention is also a focus and the use of penalties may be used.	
Conclusions	Thanks for the update, Sam!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
6. Update - VR Budget		
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Discussion	Removed from today’s agenda.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
7. Other Business		
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Discussion	None.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a

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8. Adjournment		
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Discussion	Leslie Walker Mitchell made motion. Sam Liss 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2015
Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2015
Draft minutes emailed to Committee Members	Rebekah Stephens	12/4/2015
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	1/7/2015
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	1/15/2016