

Minutes – September 3, 2015

SRC Advocacy, Outreach and Education Committee

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Thursday, September 3, 2015	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	VABVI, 60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403
Meeting called by	Sarah Launderville (Chair) at 1:35 pm	
Members Present	Diane Dalmasse, Martha Frank, Sam Liss and Whitney Nichols (via phone)	
Members Absent	Leslie Walker Mitchell and Patti Shane	
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	Update on VCDR (Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights) Board of Governors meeting to be added to today's agenda. Sam Liss to give update.	
Conclusions	Committee agrees to add update to agenda.	
2. Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2015 Committee meeting		
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Discussion	Not all members have had the opportunity to review the draft minutes.	
Conclusions	Do an email vote as members need additional time to review the draft minutes.	
Email vote was taken on September 9, 2015 and minutes were approved by majority vote.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Email Committee members for vote of approval on May 7, 2015 Committee meeting minutes	Rebekah Stephens	9/9/2015
Approved minutes to be uploaded to SRC website	Rebekah Stephens	9/25/2015
3. Discussion – Summer Catch-Up		
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Discussion	Diane Dalmasse has been busy renovating her home and a new grandbaby is on its way. Sarah Launderville has been painting her children's rooms. Martha Frank has been road cycling and salsa dancing while learning to speak Chinese to her 2 year old granddaughter. Sam Liss has been busy attending meetings and getting ready to teach 2 classes at Union Institute this year. Whitney Nichols has been planning an open house for VT Psychiatric Survivors. The open house will take place on September 21, 2015 in Rutland.	
Conclusions	It has been a busy summer for all.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
4. Update – VCDR Board of Governors Meeting (Summer 2015)		
-----	Sam Liss	
Discussion	The congressional delegation was invited to this meeting. The changes in WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) and the specific effect on VR were discussed by the meeting attendees. Youth transition and independent living topics were discussed in general. The pending changes to SSDI were also discussed. The SSDI trust fund is struggling and is anticipated to be unable to meet its obligations as of November 2016. Restructuring of the SSDI system is being considered. NCIL (National Council on Independent Living) has made several recommendations for restructuring of system, for example, simplifying the overall process. The federal regulations on the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Act of 2014 have been released. A state task force has been convened to set up the accounts and determine	

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which banks will be involved.		
Conclusions	Thanks for the update, Sam!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
5. Update – ADA Training for VR Counselors		
-----	Diane Dalmasse	
Discussion	Alicia Wein and David Sagi are working together to develop the ADA Training. They are currently in the contract process and the training is potentially scheduled for November 2015.	
Conclusions	Great news!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
6. Updates – MWPD and Federal Updates from the NCIL Employment Committee		
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Discussion	We are off to a good start. It took awhile but things are moving along. The GCEPD (Governor’s Council on Employment for People with Disabilities) as part of National Disability Awareness Month (October) will be hosting several events in Vermont. GCEPD is planning to distribute several awards. Vermont is interested in the Career Access SSI program which would remove this income barrier to employment for youth.	
Conclusions	Thanks again, Sam!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
7. Update – VR Budget		
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Discussion	VR received their reallocation funding – almost \$5.8 million. AWARE is on schedule.	
Conclusions	Everything is alright at the moment.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
8. Election of New Committee Chair		
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Discussion	Membership on this Committee is in transition.	
Conclusions	This agenda item postponed for discussion until November 5, 2015 meeting.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Include on November 5, 2015 Committee meeting agenda	Rebekah Stephens	10/23/2015
9. Other Business		
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Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
10. Adjournment		
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Discussion	No discussion.	
Conclusions	Adjourned at 3:20 pm	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	10/2/2015

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Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	10/2/2015
Draft minutes emailed to Committee Members	Rebekah Stephens	10/2/2015
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	11/5/2015
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	11/13/2015