

Minutes – March 3, 2016

SRC Executive Committee - Steering

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Thursday, March 3, 2016	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Video Conference – VR Offices: Rutland, Burlington & White River Junction
Meeting called by	Adam Leonard – Chair at 12:04 pm	
Members Present	Sam Liss, Diane Dalmasse (via Scopia), Alaina Clements, Samantha Brennan (via phone), Spencer Lemons, Julia Burakian (via phone) and Michele Hubert (via phone)	
Members Absent	Nancy Breiden, Ben Wimett, Martha Frank, Olivia Smith-Hammond and Leslie Walker Mitchell	
SRC Liaison	James Smith, DVR Budget and Policy Manager	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Presenters	n/a	
Guests	n/a	
1. Today's Agenda		
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Discussion	No discussion. Sam Liss moved to accept. Alaina Clements 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Today's agenda accepted.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
None		n/a
2. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2016 Committee Meeting		
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Discussion	No discussion. Alaina Clements moved to approve. Sam Liss 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Minutes approved.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
Upload approved minutes to www.VTSRC.org		Rebekah Stephens
3/11/2016		
3. Discussion and Approval – New Draft Order of Selection for the FY 17 State Plan		
30 minutes	James Smith	
Discussion	The full SRC has been invited to this discussion. A quorum participated in the discussion. The RSA did not approve the original draft OOS. The RSA did not agree with using the SSA and SSDI as the criteria for Category 1 because having the condition that an individual must apply for SSA/SSDI was not allowed under WIOA. The new draft includes a new Priority 1 Category – “Individuals who have been determined by DVR to have the most significant disabilities are those who have four or more areas of functional loss requiring multiple services over a period of 6 months or more, either for the provision of a required service, or for the duration of the use of a provided good.” VR estimates 1/3 of its current consumers would fall into this new Priority 1 Category. James has spoken to RSA about the new draft and the RSA has come back with some technical language feedback. James is requesting from the SRC today, an approval on the general principal of the new draft OOS today and once he has had time to rework the wording he will forward out the final new draft OOS. Diane Dalmasse asked why are we voting on something that is not acceptable to the RSA. The SRC members agree to wait to vote until all changes are made to OOS language.	
Conclusions	An actual vote of approval was not taken today. The final new draft OOS will be completed and emailed out to the full SRC. The SRC members will be given 2 days to read and provide feedback on the final new draft OOS. James will provide the final new draft OOS to the full SRC prior to April 1 st . A reminder will not be necessary. <u>Follow – up:</u> Final revised new draft OOS was emailed out to full SRC on March, 14, 2016. SRC members were asked to review the new language and vote yay or nay by March 16, 2016. 9 yays were received. 3 members did not respond. New OOS language approved by email vote. The	

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new language reads: “Category 1. Individuals who have been determined by DVR to have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and that seriously limits function in four or more areas of functional capacity (mobility, communication, work tolerance, work skills, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, dexterity/coordination), requiring multiple services over a period of six months or more. Category 2. Individuals who have been determined by DVR to have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and that seriously limits function in two to three areas of functional capacity (mobility, communication, work tolerance, work skills, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, dexterity/coordination), requiring multiple services over a period of six months or more. Category 3. Individuals who have been determined by DVR to have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and that seriously limits function in one area of functional capacity (mobility, communication, work tolerance, work skills, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, dexterity/coordination), requiring multiple services over a period of 6 months or more. Category 4. Individuals who have been determined by DVR to have a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment and that seriously limits function in two to three areas of functional capacity (mobility, communication, work tolerance, work skills, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, dexterity/coordination), requiring multiple services over a period of less than six months.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Provide full SRC with final new draft OOS	James Smith	3/28/2016

4. Discussion and Approval of April 7, 2016 SRC Meeting Agenda

Discussion Committee members would like to move April meeting to either Waterbury complex or Gifford Hospital. Add “AWARE Update” right after “Consent Agenda” – 10 minutes. “Discussion and Vote - Proposed Changes to SRC Bylaws” only needs 15 minutes. Remove standing agenda item “WIOA Update” as it is included in “Director’s Report”. Leo Schiff, Hib Doe, Mark Ciociola and Stephanie Jackson (VR managers) will be attending the April 7th meeting. The discussion will be on “What is working well in your region?”, “What has been challenging in your region?”, “What are the future plans in your region?” and “What has been the impact of WIOA in your region?” Lisa Young is the project manager for AWARE. James Smith suggested possibly inviting Lisa to the full SRC meeting to do the “AWARE Update”.

Conclusions Rebekah Stephens will make adjustments to draft SRC agenda.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Finalize draft agenda for April 7, 2016 full SRC meeting	Rebekah Stephens	03/25/2016

5. Discussion – Possible Future Disability Summit

Discussion Diane Dalmasse offered that a first step might be to contact the chairs from the different disability partners and councils to float the idea of a Disability Summit to see if there is any interest. Sam Liss agreed. Adam Leonard would like some vision around the idea of a summit. What is the goal? Diane suggested maybe topics on the “transportation and housing challenges that people with disabilities struggle with, in a rural state.” A goal for the summit could be seeing if getting all of these individual organizations and councils together could be helpful in addressing these issues through a unified approach. Adam asked, “Is this work being done anywhere else?”, “Is there a need for collaboration?” and “Is there an existing platform where these organizations and councils can get together and discuss these issues?” Sam Liss shared that there is work being done on these issues but on a fragmented basis and there is no coordinated effort at this time. The suggestion was made to add “healthcare” to the list of potential topics. Committee

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members discussed when to contact these organizations and councils. The recommendation was made to wait until after the Legislature has gone home. A possible time to hold the summit – after the Governor’s election and invite the new Governor or in the early Fall.		
Conclusions	Rebekah Stephens will email Steering Committee members for the list of individuals, organizations and councils they want to contact. Early in May, Adam will send an email to the list of contacts to determine if there is interest in a Disability Summit. Diane offered to assist Adam in drafting the email.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Email Steering Committee members to get list of contacts	Rebekah Stephens	4/11/2016
Send list of contacts to Adam Leonard	Rebekah Stephens	4/15/2016
Send email to list of contacts to determine if there is interest in a Disability Summit	Adam Leonard	5/13/2016
6. Discussion – Communication with DBVI SRC		
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Discussion	The question was asked, “What would be the goal?” around communication with DBVI SRC. The response was, “maybe how are DBVI and VR managing the WIOA requirements.” The members are not sure the value of having a joint meeting. The DBVI SRC and VR SRC got together about 7 years ago. No one is sure about the topics covered or the results of that meeting. Sam Liss suggested maybe a goal would be common advocacy. James Smith mentioned, that is one of the Summit goals. Sam agreed. Members discussed postponing a combined DBVI SRC - VR SRC meeting. Instead invite DBVI to the Summit or do a separate meeting and invite other SRC chairs and the DBVI SRC chair.	
Conclusions	Diane Dalmasse offered to reach out to her counterparts and see if there is any interest in a meeting like this. Unclear at this time what this meeting would look like, when it will take place (maybe June) or what the topics will be.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Diane Dalmasse to reach out to other NE VR Directors	Diane Dalmasse	TBD
7. Other Business		
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Discussion	None.	
Conclusions	None.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
8. Adjournment		
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Discussion	Alaina Clements made motion. Sam Liss 2 nd .	
Conclusions	Adjourned at 1:30pm.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	4/1/2016
Draft minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	4/1/2016
Draft minutes emailed to Committee members	Rebekah Stephens	4/1/2016
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	5/5/2016
Approved minutes uploaded to website www.VTSRC.org	Rebekah Stephens	5/13/2016