

# Minutes – February 9, 2017

## SRC Executive Committee - Steering

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Thursday, February 9, 2017	3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Phone Conference
Meeting called by	Adam Leonard, Chair at 3:00 pm	
Members Present	Sam Liss and Diane Dalmasse	
Members Absent	n/a	
SRC Liaison	James Smith, DVR Budget and Policy Manager	
SRC Coordinator	Rebekah M. Stephens	
Interpreters	-----	
Speakers/Presenters	-----	
Guests	-----	
1. Today's Agenda		
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<b>Discussion</b>	None.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	None.	
Action Items		Person Responsible
None		n/a
2. VR Budget Update		
45 minutes	Committee members	
<b>Discussion</b>	The Steering Committee requested an update on the VR Budget situation. VR's re-allotment funding for FY 2017 was cut by 76%. The FY 2017 budget shortfall was covered by the Agency of Human Services (AHS) through the one-time use of Global Commitment Medicaid monies. The Global Commitment money was specifically used to fund the Developmental Services (DS) and JOBS programs. As part of covering the shortfall, AHS charged VR with the task of presenting a balanced budget for FY 2018, without any additional funding. VR has had to make some difficult decisions to balance the budget for FY 2018. Direct VR administration reductions will occur in staffing, training, and outside contracting. Direct consumer services will also see reductions. Without the Global Commitment monies, reductions in DS and JOBS programs will occur. These reductions will affect JOBS Pre-ETS, DS Pre-ETS, VYCC (Vermont Youth Conservation Corps) Summer Youth Employment for Students, NCSS (Northwestern Counseling and Support Services) Summer Youth Employment for Students, Pathways, Another Way, DS Supported Employment (non-Pre-ETS), JOBS Program (non-Pre-ETS), AT Consultation, Car Coach, Project Search, Recovery Centers, SSI (Supplemental Security Income) Specialists, VABIR (Vermont Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation) consultants, Business Account Manager positions, Van purchase and modifications, Progressive Employment set aside monies, short term training, Farm Set Aside, AT (Assistive Technology) Coaches, AT Set Aside and general case services. These reductions in services could potentially affect direct services to approximately 800 - 900 Vermont students and adults with disabilities. VR has been educating its partners and explaining what these reductions will mean. These reductions are going to negatively impact employment for people with disabilities in Vermont. VR is seeking input from the SRC. Committee members discussed which SRC members may be helpful on these issues.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Making the Global Commitment monies available to VR on a permanent basis would go a long way in lessening the amount of reductions needed. Adam Leonard and Sam Liss decided to reach out to Dick Sears (Senator) and Mitzi Johnson (Speaker of the VT House of Representatives). Adam offered to write an email to SRC members asking for their support. Diane Dalmasse and James Smith will send copies of the Budget Impact Statements and Program Fact Sheets to the Steering Committee members.	

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<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Reach out to Dick Sears and Mitzi Johnson	Adam Leonard & Sam Liss	2/10/2017
Email SRC members about needed support on this issue	Adam Leonard	2/10/2017
Email Budget Impact Statements and Program Fact Sheets to Committee members	James Smith	2/10/2017
Include “Update – SRC Support: VR Budget” on March 8, 2017 Steering Committee meeting agenda	Rebekah Stephens	2/23/2017
<b>3. Adjournment</b>		
0 minutes	-----	
<b>Discussion</b>	None.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Meeting ended at 3:45 pm.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Draft minutes submitted for approval	Rebekah Stephens	3/10/2017
Draft minutes uploaded to website <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>	Rebekah Stephens	3/10/2017
Draft minutes emailed to Committee members	Rebekah Stephens	3/10/2017
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee members	3/8/2017
Approved minutes uploaded to website <a href="http://www.VTSRC.org">www.VTSRC.org</a>	Rebekah Stephens	3/10/2017