

APPROVED AGENDA
ADVOCACY, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Waterbury Vocational Rehabilitation
Room Cherry C
HC 2 South 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

- 12:15 pm – 12:17 pm** **Introductions (Sam Liss)**
- 12:17 pm – 12:20 pm** **Approval of Agenda (Sam Liss)**
- 12:20 pm – 12:25 pm** **Open for Public Comment**
- 12:25 pm – 12:27 pm** **Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2018 (Sam Liss)**
- 12:27 pm – 12:37 pm** **Legislative Updates (Group)**
- 12:37 pm – 12:47 pm** **Report out on March 20 Card Room Event - Successes and Opportunities for Improvement (Group)**
- 12:47 pm – 1:30 pm** **Discussion – Youth Core Transition Team Collaboration in the fall (Tara Howe (VR Youth Transition Program Coordinator) & Group)**
- 1:30 pm - 1:40 pm** **Perky Planet Café Discussion (Group)**
- 1:40 pm – 1:45 pm** **Other Business (Sam Liss)**
- 1:45 pm – 1:45 pm** **Adjournment (Sam Liss)**

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Thursday, March 1, 2018	12:15pm – 1:45 pm	Waterbury State Complex Room Cherry C HC 2 South 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671
Meeting called by	Sam Liss, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.	
Members Present	Max Barrows, Diane Dalmasse, Martha Frank, Marlana Hughes, Sam Liss, Calla Papademas, Deborah Tucker Boyce, Olivia Smith-Hammond	
Members Absent	Sarah Launderville	
SRC Liaison		
SRC Coordinator	Debra Kobus	
Interpreters	n/a	
Speakers/Pre senters	n/a	
Guests	Sherrie Brunelle, Amanda Kohle, Rocko Gieselman - Youth Employment Specialist from Barre, Lee Reilly (Max Barrows' assistant)	
1) Introductions (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Those in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves.	
Conclusions	Thanks to everyone!	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	n/a	n/a
2) Approval of Agenda (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Sam asked if there were any proposed changes or additions to the agenda. There were none. Martha moved to approve the agenda as proposed. Olivia 2nd. There was no discussion. All approved – Vote unanimous 8-0-0.	
Conclusions	Motion passes - today's agenda accepted.	

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Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
3) Open for Public Comment (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	There was no public comment.		
Conclusions	n/a		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		n/a	n/a
4) Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2018 (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	Sam asked that the group review the January 3, 2018 minutes and asked if there were any proposed amendments. There were none. Calla moved to approve. Deb 2 nd . There was no further discussion. All approved Vote unanimous 8-0-0.		
Conclusions	January 3, 2017 minutes approved without amendment.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Upload approved minutes to http://vtsrc.org/members/meeting-minutes/procedures-policy-committee/		Debra Kobus	3/6/2018
5) Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights Appointments (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	<p>Sam explained that VCDR is a coalition of many nonprofit organizations with an interest in disability issues. VCDR is looking for two appointments from the SRC to serve as nonvoting representatives from this group to the VCDR.</p> <p>Sam further explained that VCDR is a 501.4c and as such has lobbying capability to promote the rights of those with disabilities. Outside of legislative sessions it monitors the enforcement of rules and regulations. It receives a grant from Vermont Disabilities Council and is responsible for executing the terms of that grant. It develops a platform from input from all member organizations.</p>		

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	<p>Debra will reach out to Karen Lafayette to add AOE Committee members to the VCDR listserv.</p> <p>Marlena Hughes has agreed to become one of the two-required representatives from the SRC to the VCDR. Sherrie Brunelle will follow up with her supervisor and will report back.</p>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlena Hughes is appointed as a representative from the SRC to the VCDR. • Debra Kobus to reach out to Karen Lafayette about adding AOE Committee members to the VCDR listserv. 	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Reach out to Karen Lafayette to add AOE Committee members to the VCDR listserv.	Debra Kobus	3/6/2018
Inform VCDR of the SRC appointment.	Debra Kobus	3/6/2018
6) Card Room Planning for March 20, 2018 (Sam Liss & Full Committee)		
Discussion	<p>Theme – Career Pathways for people with disabilities with a focus on youth and adults and Linking Learning to Careers.</p> <p>Debra to send out Survey Monkey to all AOE Committee members plus the following individuals to find out if they are available to man the Card Room and the times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Kohle - Arriving between 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. • Rocko Gieselman • Sherrie Brunelle • Nat Piper <p>Debra will include in the Survey Monkey a question about when a good time for Kathryn Whitehouse to set up a conference call for those that are planning on attending the event (1 week prior – March 13). Include Nat Piper (SOV) in the Survey Monkey.</p> <p>The Card Room is available beginning at 8 a.m. and ends at 4:30 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is peak time). A table will be set up</p>	

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	<p>for us, but someone would need to get there early. Amanda volunteered to get there between 8 and 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Amanda and Rocko will see if they could find youth that would be willing to participate.</p> <p>Diane will bring VR and CWS banners, handouts, talking points, and cookies!</p> <p>Sam will bring the SRC banner.</p> <p>Diane will combine a few more testimonials with Calla's.</p> <p>Martha will bring the Transition Toolkit that sits on the Vermont Family Network website http://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/ as part of one of the initiatives of the Workforce Innovations Act.</p> <p>Be prepared to come with budgetary discussion items as it related to the purview of VR- conference call discussion item.</p>	
Conclusions	Debra to send out Survey Monkey related to times people are available to man the Card Room and a good time for Kathryn Housewright to set up a conference call with attendees one week prior to the event.	
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Send out Survey Monkey related to times people are available to man the Card Room and a good time for Kathryn Housewright to set up a conference call with attendees one week prior to the event.	Debra Kobus	3/9/2018
7) Discussion - Agenda for AOE Committee Meeting on May 3, 2018 (Sam Liss and Full Committee)		
Discussion	<p>Debra reported that Tara Howe, VR Youth Transition Program Coordinator, accepted an invitation to attend the AOE meeting on May 3, 2018 to discuss AOE fall events.</p> <p>Sherrie asked if a plan has been developed for the year yet?</p>	

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	Sam said yes that is where coordination with the Youth Transition Team came from.		
Conclusions	Tara Howe, VR Youth Transition Program Coordinator will be attending the May 3, 2018 AOE Committee meeting to begin discussions about plans for the fall 2018.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	n/a	n/a	
8) Other Business (Sam Liss)			
Discussion	<p>Updated Legislative Report</p> <p>Sam Liss reported that yesterday was Disability Awareness Day and the Governors Committee scheduled its own events in conjunction with this day. We are currently refining how these events fit with each other such as having the Spirit of the Ada Award ceremony occur in the morning and then move over to the Statehouse. Sam said it is this type of thing that has bi-partisan support.</p> <p>Marlena asked if there was any discussion yesterday about people finding their special skills. Sam said this was discussed during one of the workshops that was held in the morning. Employers realize the attrition rate of those with disabilities are much less than those without. It is important to understand that it is important how well the employer feels a person performed during an interview.</p> <p>Diane will send a listing of this year’s winners of the Spirit of the ADA Awards to AOE Committee members.</p> <p>Sam added that Paul Silo and the Public Assets Institute are collaborating on an outreach effort. The project will last three years and then provide outreach as to why people with disabilities should be employed and why they make good employees.</p> <p>Sam wanted to add the Governors Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (GCPD) can advocate internally and to the Governor.</p>		

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	<p>Martha Frank added that it would be great if we could be more informed about the different things that are happening, so we could be more effective providing testimony, etc., and suggests adding this to the agenda for May 3, 2018.</p> <p>Sherrie said as an example is increasing the minimum wage to \$15/hour which could have a huge impact on our consumers. If we could be more informed about pending legislation such as this, we could become better advocates for those individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>An example that Martha provided is a bill pending that proposes to add questions around trauma to the Youth Risk Survey and if she wasn't aware of it she wouldn't know to reach out to legislators on this and add her support.</p> <p>Max added it is important that we communicate to our representatives how devastating it is for those individuals with disabilities when services are cut.</p> <p>Diane will send out to the group a priority listing of bills that she and Hugh Bradshaw are currently monitoring.</p> <p>Sam suggested to the group that if people wanted to reach out to their congressional representative related to national pending legislation, there is a proposal pending to eliminate employment restrictions for those of the retirement age community who have disabilities. We have a proposal pending to eliminate employment restrictions Childhood Disabilities Beneficiaries who have been in SSI when they reach retirement age. Right now they are the only group that continue with employment restrictions. They are the only group that still have employment restrictions. The other proposal is to eliminate the termination language in the authorization Ticket to Work Act related to Medicaid buy ins.</p>
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diane will send a listing of this year's winners of the

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	Spirit of the ADA Awards to AOE Committee members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane will send out to the group a priority listing of bills that she and Hugh Bradshaw are currently monitoring. • Agenda item for May 3 – how can SRC advocates become better informed about pending legislation 	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Send a listing of this year’s winners of the Spirit of the ADA Awards to AOE Committee members.	Diane Dalmasse	May 3, 2018
Send out to the group a priority listing of bills that she and Hugh Bradshaw are currently monitoring.	Diane Dalmasse	May 3, 2018
Add agenda item for May 3 – how can SRC advocates become better informed about pending legislation	Debra Kobus	April 23, 2018
9) Adjournment (Sam Liss)		
Discussion	Sam asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Max moved to adjourn. Martha 2nd. Vote unanimous 8-0-0.	
Conclusions	Adjourned at 1:30 pm	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Draft Minutes uploaded to http://vtsrc.org/members/draft-minutes/	Debra Kobus	3/6/2018
Draft minutes emailed to Committee Members	Debra Kobus	3/6/2018
Minutes approved by Committee	Committee Members	5/3/2018
Approved minutes uploaded to http://vtsrc.org/about/meeting-minutes/	Debra Kobus	5/8/2018