



Nebraska State Rehabilitation Council

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SRC Meeting Agenda

500 S. 84th St, NDE State Board Room

Lincoln, NE 68509

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lonnie Berger, Jodi Bodnar, Crystal Booker, Jeremy Daffern, Gloria Eddins, Jana Egan, Sharon Elliott, Lindy Foley, Jason Gieschen, Catrina Gray, Theresa Hayes, Matt Kaslon, Paulette Monthei, Tobias Orr, Cindy Walz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Barritt, Elizabeth Filipiak, Lisa Kent-Scheer

NEBRASKA VR STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Chapin, Holly Enriquez, Angela Fujan, Mary Matusiak, Shawn Roberts, Lupe Stevens

VISITORS: Margie Propp, Ben Sparks

I. Approval of Agenda

Because of a scheduling conflict Lindy requested the agenda be modified to move the Director's Report up in the Agenda. Jason moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jeremy seconded. Verbal vote taken. Motion passed.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Paulette moved to approve the prior meeting minutes. Jeremy seconded. Verbal vote taken. Motion passed.

III. Robert's Rules and Meeting etiquette (Chair)

IV. Council Membership:

Gloria welcomed new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

New members: Cindi Waltz (VR Counselor), Elizabeth Filipiak (Eaton), and Paulette Monthei (SILC)

Terms ending:

- 2024 Second term ending: *April- Crystal Booker (employer), July-Theresa Hayes (NDE), September - Lonnie Berger (employer), Jeremy Daffern (NCDHH).
- Recruitment reminder: Need employers, individuals with disability.

V. Director's Report and WIOA State Plan Development Update (Lindy Foley) See attached report.

Ideas presented:

- Look at how to get more involvement in the WIOA State Plan by SRC Members
- PreETS students learning computer skills sooner and potentially not needing some services
- Graduated students needing a break after high school before applying for VR services
- PreETS students will be reminded of VR potentially through colleges, technology, reviewing data from clearinghouse
- Continue to reach out to schools in the area making them aware of services
- Paulette has an outreach presentation she would be willing to provide to staff

Lindy will share data on common performance measures and an update on discussions happening regarding the Nebraska VR Drug Usage Policy at the next SRC Meeting.

VI. ACTION — Follow-up to action items from last meeting:

VII. Break at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. Discussion:

Crystal was presented her SRC Member Service Plaque by Lindy and thanked for her service to the SRC.

A. Fall CSAVR Conference (Jeremy and Lindy) See attached report.

Jeremy spoke to the group about his favorite presentations. There was a great variety of people and sessions at the CSAVR conference.

The next conference is in Bethesda, MD in the spring. It is in a different format than the fall conference where we focus on sending SRC members.

B. Member Feedback on Written Reports: No member feedback. See attached reports.

1. ATP (Tobias)
2. CAP (Jodi)
3. Deaf & Hard of Hearing (Jeremy)
4. NSILC (Paulette)

5. Ombudsman (no report)

6. Youth Leadership Council (report only)

B. Member Feedback on VR (Chair)

VIII. Working lunch - Committee meetings and reports:

A. Client Services Committee (Jodi) – Committee will work on adding questions to the survey.

B. Employer Services Committee (Jana) – Discussed recruiting new members, reaching out to BBB and a simple, digital flyer to catch employers' attention was discussed. Mary will draft an email and send it through the committee to review. Paulette suggested reaching out to Leadership Omaha, Lincoln and Lincoln Circle, Omaha Circle.

C. Transition Services Committee (Sharon) – Committee discussed requiring more parent contact of PreETS students prior to graduation.

D. Executive Committee (Gloria) – Discussed membership and recruiting.

IX. Public Comment/Announcements

Jason proposed that the Council say the Pledge of Allegiance prior to each meeting. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to be voted on.

X. Senator Outreach Activity (Crystal and Sarah) – Crystal and Sarah presented information explaining how Senator Outreach has been done in the past and how it is most effective. There was discussion regarding the materials provided and adding a personal touch when reaching out to Senators by email.

Next meeting May 7, 2024 by Zoom.

Jodi moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. Verbal vote taken. Motion passed.