

DISABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 31, 2023

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Vocational Rehabilitation
Berkeley-Dorchester Center
2954 S. Live Oak Drive
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions/Excused Absentees/Quorum Determination
- II. Approval of Meeting Notes: February 7, 2023
- III. Discussion of Disability Expo Event to be held May 18, 2023
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn

Tour of VR Facility to follow meeting at 10:30 a.m.

TRIDENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DISABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

February 7, 2023

The Trident Workforce Development Board (TWDB) Disability Committee met on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and at the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room located at 5790 Casper Padgett Way in North Charleston, South Carolina.

MEMBERSHIP: Wendy Courson; Matthew Dorman; Cathy Duncan; Pat Gilliard; Amy Hatten; Brent LaPlante; Julia Martinelli; Michelle McDonald; Karen Mitchell-Oliver; Tameika Tisdale; Kurtis Whitehead; Shelia Williams

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Courson; Michelle McDonald; Don Smith; Pat Gilliard (via Zoom); Amy Hatten (via Zoom); Julia Martinelli (via Zoom); Karen Mitchell-Oliver (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Robbie Lahman (SCDEW)

BCDCOG STAFF: Sharon Goss; Kameron Alston; Kalen Milford; Jennifer Dantzler

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Michelle McDonald called the Disability Committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Excused absences were submitted, introductions were made and a quorum was determined.

II. Approval of May 24, 2022 and July 26, 2022 Meeting Notes

Ms. Martinelli made a motion to approve the May 24, 2022 and July 26 Meeting Notes as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Update and Committee Overview

Sharon Goss, Workforce Development Director, updated the Disability Committee regarding the revised By-Laws of the Trident Workforce Development Board (TWDB). Ms. Goss stated that TWDB Committee meetings were postponed until the revised By-Laws were approved and new committee appointments were made. New Board Leadership was voted on and approved by the Board of Directors and the new leadership made appointments to the Disability Committee membership. Committee meetings were on hold during that process. The process was completed in December 2022. Ms. Goss discussed WIOA Law regarding Standing Committees. She noted that, in general, the local Board may designate and direct the activities of standing committees to provide information to assist the local Board in carrying out activities. Such standing committees shall be chaired by a member of the local Board, may include other members of the local Board, and shall include other individuals appointed by the local Board who are not members of the local Board and whom the local Board determines have appropriate experience and expertise. At a minimum, the local Board may designate each of the following: a standing committee to provide information and to assist with operational and other issues relating to the provision of services to individuals with disabilities, including issues relating to compliance with section 188, if applicable, and applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 regarding providing programmatic and physical access to the services, programs and activities of the one-stop delivery system, as well as appropriate training for staff on providing supports for or accommodations to, and finding employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Goss addressed questions and comments. The Disability Committee received the Committee Overview and Update as information.

IV. Disability Expo Event

Chair McDonald and Ms. Goss discussed the Disability Expo Event. It was noted that the last event was held in September 2022 at the SC Works-Dorchester Center. The next Disability Expo will be held on May 18th at the Berkeley/Dorchester County Vocational Rehabilitation facility. Employers will set-up at 9:15 a.m., Employer's Training will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Expo will be open to the public starting at 10:30 a.m. The Committee will be able to set-up on May 17th. Past event flyers will be distributed to the Committee for revisions. AccessAbility will conduct employee training, Ms. Gilliard will handle community resources and SCDEW will handle all employers. Employers will conduct interviews on-site and Ms. Gilliard will provide an interpreter on-site at the Expo. Mr. Lahman, with SCDEW, will provide a list to the Committee of all employers he will contact. Ms. Martinelli and Ms. Gilliard will contact Berkeley County and Dorchester County schools to attend the event. Questions and comments regarding the Expo were addressed.

V. Other Business

There was no further business to discuss. It was noted that the next Disability Committee meeting will be held at the Vocational Rehabilitation offices on either March 30th or 31st. Committee members will be invited to tour the Vocational Rehabilitation facility during the next meeting.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Coleman