

ICED Meeting Minutes

130 W. Mason, Room 104, Springfield

JRTC, Chicago

August 5, 2015

1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Rocco J. Claps/Susan Allen designee, DHR

James T. Dimas/Francisco Alvarado, designee, DHS (by phone)

Randy Boschulte, DCEO

Wanda Satkas DHS (by phone)

Brandy Hayes, DHHC

Catherine Collier, DCFS (by phone)

Holly Cunnigham (by phone)

Tom Tyrrell/Jaci DeBrun designee, DCMS

Sarah Myerscough-Mueller, DHS (by phone)

Alice Minter, DHS

Debbie Johnson-Small, (by phone)

Sue Masten, DHS (by phone)

Martha Younger-White, DHS (by phone)

Debra Matthews, U of I DSCC

Linda Lou Long, DHS

Robert Griffith, DHS

Fredrick Bates/Andrew Barris designee, CSC (by phone)

Bill Bogdan, SOS (by phone)

Erica Jeffries, Greg Dooley designee, DVA

Teresita Gonzalez, DCFS, by phone

Margie Harkness, CDD

Consideration of Minutes, April 2015 and June 2015

Martha made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2015 meeting and Drew seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved the motion. A motion made by Martha to accept the minutes from the June 2015 meeting with correction to include Bill Bogdan in attendance, Jaci seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved to accept the motion.

Work Group Reports

Awards

Susan inquired for volunteers to be part of the Awards committee, none volunteered. Susan will look into appointing members to be a part of this committee.

Affirmative Action

Susan reported that 79% of state employees completed the Disability Survey, which is just short of meeting the goal of 80%. The committee was satisfied with the outcome.

Internship

Martha indicated that the Subcommittee is still meeting to discuss the future of the student internship program. Despite an initial proposal, the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) indicated that their Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program would not be able to fund student internships given funds would be used by other state agencies; the on-the-job evaluation service category could not be utilized and there might be additional legal considerations. Martha Younger-White attended a workshop on the Work Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) which indicated that 20% of the Federal funds are allowed to be spent on student internship opportunities. Francisco indicated that DRS could be helpful to link the Subcommittee with the State Plan efforts that will direct WIOA funding within Illinois. The Subcommittee is continuing to explore additional opportunities such as: a) establishing a Students with Disabilities Internship job title within CMS; b) modeling an internship program after the Governor's Office Michael Curry Internship Program and c) working with the Employment Work Group under the Employment First Initiative. Susan indicated that the Secretary of State agreed to one student internship placement thanks to efforts by Bill Bogdan. Martha stated that DHS was able to place one student within DHS referred by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities One Summer Chicago program that included students with disabilities.

Education/Training

CMS is presenting a couple of webinars on the Successful Disability Opportunities program this fiscal year, which ICED will co-sponsor. Martha Younger-White recommended the following topic for an additional webinar: Return to Work and Alternative Employment. Susan said Rachel Weisberg of Equip for Equality may be willing to speak on this subject, and DHS has provided the webinar program in the past for ICED to use.

Publications/Website

The design for the website is completed, and Linda Lou Long has been providing input regarding its accessibility to low-vision users. Concerning the current newsletter, Susan asked the question –how often should ICED issue a newsletter? Fred Stewart suggested once every two month, and the Committee agreed.

Accessibility of Leased Space

ICED met with the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) in regards to leasing issues and accessibility in the last fiscal year. Susan reported that CMS leasing agents received training from Vicky Simpson of the Attorney General's Office as to the Environmental Barriers Act/Illinois Accessibility Code requirements.

Other Business

- S.B.0563, the bill to extend membership was sent to the Governor for signature.
- Employment First-Sarah Mueller (DHS) – Expanded IL Plan, workgroups were developed and a draft plan was sent to the Governor's office with recommendations.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2015, at 130 W. Mason, Room 104 in Springfield. The Chicago location will be JRTC, Room 9-035.

Submitted by,

Alice Minter