

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 10, 2016, 3:00pm

Conference Room, Vocational Rehabilitation, Seneca, SC

Members Present

Pamela Smith

Susan Stockton

Pat Pruitt

Members Absent

Billy Gibson

Brooke Dobbins

Edgar Brown

Staff Present

Trent Acker

Windy Graham

Patty Manley

Guests Present

I. Call To Order/ Opening Remarks

Pamela Smith, Committee Chair called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was being recorded for processing of minutes. Chair Smith introduced new member Susan stating Ms. Stockton will be presenting Committee Education for the meeting.

II. Approval of 01/21/2016 Meeting Minutes

Chair Smith noted the minutes from the 01/21/16 meeting were included for Committee member review and called for a vote to approve.

Committee Action: Pat Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/21/16 meeting as submitted, seconded by Susan Stockton. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

III. WorkLink's Data

Ms. Graham referred to the attachment to the back of the meeting packet which are reports on demographics of participants using the SC Works services by age, ethnicity and disability for each of the WIOA programs. Ms. Graham noted the increase in the number(s) reported adding that an applicant may not disclose their disability however; staff is able to use additional information in SCWOS to determine if the applicant does have a disability.

Ms. Graham brought to the Committee for consideration changing the name of the Committee from Persons with Disabilities to Priority Population stating this Committee hopefully is not just discussing or focusing on disabilities but a priority for services for all customers with a special emphasis on the particular priority of services for disabilities. Trent Acker added that identifying under this title would allow for a broader scope for what the Committee can put an emphasis on and address.

Mr. Acker informed Committee members of the transition of the Youth Program provider stating Henkels & McCoy has made a decision to allow Eckerd to acquire their training division. The Executive Committee will be addressing this change in late March with WorkLink staff and the expectation is that this will be a smooth transition to occur on 4/1/16 adding Eckerd will be retaining current program staff. Mr. Acker reported Eckerd is a non-profit company the profit line item will go away and indirect fees will decrease.

Ms. Graham stated in keeping with a Committee Education item for each meeting, Chris Sparrow with AbleSC will be providing a presentation of etiquette. Mr. Able is also scheduled to conduct an informal assessment of the Clemson SC Works Center staff and provide Etiquette training for staff. Ms. Graham has requested that he emphasize psychological disabilities for staff.

Pat Pruitt stated he is seeking assistance with ADA compliance requests at our Clemson Center and Satellite Centers specifically regarding computer and laptops i.e. magnification issues. Ms. Graham stated she does not specifically monitor for ADA compliance in our Centers since we are not directly leasing the building, she does however make recommendations or suggestions for improvement at the Satellite Center(s) and provides such to Mr. Acker.

Chair Smith suggested Mr. Pruitt as DEW Regional Manager look at keyboard and monitors issues that the Vocational Rehabilitation Rehab Engineer could come in and assists with or makes recommendations for improvement.

IV. Tour of the SCVRD Oconee/Pickens Office

Chair Smith provided a tour of the Oconee/Pickens Vocational Rehabilitation Training Facility as well as provided information of their current projects and services for Committee members.

V. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Manley