



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

May 2, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Present:

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB
- Ms. Anne Brock Trail, Committee Member
- Mr. Dave Wheeler, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members.

Disabilities Committee Prior Event Debrief

Ms. Thomas turned the meeting over to Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, for updates regarding the April 25, 2023 event. Ms. Wood shared that roughly 35 people attended the luncheon focused on mental health in the workplace. The committee discussed survey questions as a follow up for attendees. The questions developed are geared towards satisfaction of the event and topics of interest for next year's programing.

Disabilities Committee Future Event Planning

Ms. Thomas reminded the committee of the event scheduled on Thursday, May 4, 2023, with the Spartanburg Human Resource Association. The event will be similar to the session the committee presented earlier in the program year. The focus will be on disability resources, Work Opportunity Tax Credit and disabilities etiquette/accommodations. Speakers from the UWB, SCDEW, SCVRD and ABLE SC will all be participating.

Committee Membership/Future Meeting Schedule

Ms. Wood led a discussion regarding PY23 meeting dates and times. The committee stated that Tuesdays at 3:00pm is still the preferred meeting time. She also asked about expanding the membership of the committee. It was suggested that we explore adding a representative from mental health. Ms. Thomas will work to identify someone. We discussed their availability as a potential barrier to being an active participant due to the struggle to secure a speaker for our luncheon. Ms. Ann Angermeier, UWB Executive Director, suggested that the committee consider forming an advisory group that meets once a year to help guide the committee's work. The committee liked the idea and plans to discuss it further. Ms. Wood reminded the committee that there will be no meetings this summer and will resume in August.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting date has not been scheduled.