



## **UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 15, 2019**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Vocational Rehabilitation Center – Bryant Center**

### **Present:**

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Dot Colson, Committee Member
- Mr. Chris Sparrow, Committee Member
- Mr. Wayne Gregory, Committee Member
- Ms. Jennifer Pitts, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB
- Ms. Vicki Lawson, UWB
- Ms. Jackie Taylor, SC DEW

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members. Ms. Thomas spoke on the recent meeting with ABLE SC and local business representatives. More businesses are needing qualified candidates.

### **ADA Update – Youth**

Ms. Dana Wood discussed her ongoing concerns with accessibility at the new YouthStop location. The development company has been working on updating the restrooms, but she is still waiting to hear plans to make the parking lot compliant. Monitoring for YouthStop will not be cleared until a plan is received regarding the parking lot.

### **Committee Direction/Planning**

Ms. Wood mentioned the survey results.

- The initiative that received the greatest response was enhancing ABLE SC's activities through the Workforce Innovation Grant they received. The idea is to not duplicate services that ABLE SC is providing through the grant (employer information sessions). Ms. Jennie Thomas stressed the important part is getting business partners to attend. Mr. Chris Sparrow shared they are planning one event per quarter with a target of 20-25 attendees per event. Ms. Wood stated she would share the dates with the committee and challenged the committee members to each recruit 2 business partners to attend. Each business partner recruited will earn the committee member an entry into a drawing for a prize. The next event is February 28, 2019, at 8:30a.m. at Vocational Rehab.
- Another mention was to create a website listing resources for employers similar to Greenville CAN. The idea is for a snapshot for employers to see what resources are available in our local area. To begin the site, it was decided to host the page on the Upstate Workforce Board's website. Committee members will assist with the development of the content. Growth and usage will dictate if it becomes a free-standing website in the future.

### **Other Business and Adjourn:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07a.m. The next meeting will be February 21, 2019, at the Bryant Center.



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**Upstate Workforce Board  
Disabilities Committee Meeting**

**January 15, 2019  
8:30 a.m.  
The Bryant Center**

**Facilitated by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair**

**8:30 AM**

Welcome

**8:40 AM**

ADA Update YouthStop

**8:45 AM**

Committee direction/planning

**9:00 AM**

Other Business and Adjourn

**Next Meeting Date:**

**UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD**  
**Disabilities Committee Meeting**  
**01/15/2019**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Bryant Center**

NAME	ORGANIZATION
1. <i>Dona Wood</i>	<i>Upstate WB</i>
2. <i>Dot Colson</i>	<i>Denny's</i>
3. <i>Jackie Taylor</i>	<i>DEW</i>
4. <i>Jennie Thomas</i>	<i>SCURD</i>
5. <i>Wayne Gregory</i>	<i>Board member</i>
6. <i>Jennifer Pitt</i>	<i>CLC</i>
7. <i>Vicki Lawson</i>	<i>UWB</i>
8. <i>Chris Sparrow</i>	<i>Able SC</i>
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