



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

**February 21, 2019**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Vocational Rehabilitation Center – Bryant Center**

### **Present:**

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Mr. Chris Sparrow, Committee Member
- Ms. Jennifer Pitts, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

### **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.

### **Employer Event**

The committee decided in prior meetings to support Employer Events offered by ABLE SC. Ms. Jennie Thomas stressed the important part is getting business partners to attend. Mr. Chris Sparrow shared that as participants register, they will now have the option to register for the remaining sessions of 2019. 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.

### **Outreach Update**

Ms. Wood asked Mr. Sparrow to update the committee on the recent development of posters related to hidden disabilities. Mr. Sparrow informed the committee that posters were developed to encourage participants entering the SC Works center to disclose their hidden disabilities. He described the posters and asked Ms. Wood to share them with the committee as information. Mr. Sparrow also mentioned the development of rack cards that focus on individuals with disabilities. The cards and posters should be available in the local centers soon.

### **Website Development**

Ms. Wood led a discussion with the committee regarding the development of a local webpage showcasing area disability resources. This page would be geared to employers. It was suggested that the committee utilize the attendees from the employer event to gather information directly from employers on what type of content the site should contain. Ms. Wood agreed to develop a survey to be used. Ms. Thomas suggested engaging local employers to attend our meetings to be advisors. The committee agreed that was a great idea. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Wood were charged with identifying one to two employers to attend our next meeting.

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

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting will be May 2, 2019, at the Bryant Center.