



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

December 18, 2020

8:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting

Present:

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Mr. Eric McAbee
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB
- Ms. Nikoya Shaw, UWB

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members.

Event Project

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, reminded the committee about ongoing conversations with Mr. Toney Farr, Upstate Regional Career Specialist for the SC Department of Education, regarding the Winter Conference. Ms. Wood shared that the Winter Conference will be a virtual event as a result of COVID-19. She shared that she met with Mr. Farr and counselors regarding the teachers and Talent Development Specialists (TDS) needs and noted increased anxiety among students due to changing schedules and virtual learning. She shared that they expressed a need for awareness focused on managing those anxieties.

Ms. Wood shared that the possible audience for the Winter Conference would-be counselors, students, parents, and the event would be a live presentation with a Question and Answer segment. The committee discussed how to gather resources for the presentation and creating an engaging message.

Ms. Wood made the committee aware that the Winter Conference will be Friday, January 29, 2021. She is waiting to find out if that date will remain the same. Ms. Wood suggested that the committee regroup on Thursday, January 7, 2021, to nail down a plan based on the discussion, and expressed excitement that the group is getting engaged and taking on this challenge of making connections in the community.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. The next meeting date is February 19, 2021.