



UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

September 25, 2020

8:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting

Present:

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

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members.

PY20 Project Discussion

Ms. Dana Wood, UWB Associate Director, reminded the committee of past projects since the group had not met since April. She reminded the committee that the video project was postponed due to budget cuts and asked the committee's thoughts regarding continuing with the video project since funds were restored. Ms. Jennie Thomas recommended that the video project remain on hold during the time of COVID-19, as the messaging may not be as relevant due to service delivery changes.

Ms. Wood also reminded the committee of the Education Winter Conference that is held for Guidance Counselors and Career Development Facilitators (CDFs) annually. Last program year, the committee held discussions with the organizer of this event about providing a session on resources available to help students with disabilities better prepare for their lives and careers after high school. Ms. Wood mentioned that she spoke with Mr. Toney Farr, Upstate Regional Career Specialist for the SC Department of Education, and he expressed that this year's Winter Conference will be virtual. Ms. Wood opened the floor for discussion. The group decided to schedule a work session outside of the regular committee meeting time to gather ideas on the topic.

Other Business

Mr. Eric McAbee, SCDEW Veteran Representative, shared that there will be an open air job fair on October 15, 2020 at the Train Depot in Fountain Inn. Flyers will be sent out. He expressed that the park is large enough to accommodate social distancing.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m. The next meeting date is December 18, 2020.