



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

**January 17, 2017**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Vocational Rehabilitation Center – Bryant Center**

### **Present:**

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Mr. Wayne Gregory, Committee Member
- Ms. Sandy Jordan, Committee Member
- Ms. Pamela Kennedy, Committee Member
- Ms. Alice Lang, UWB
- Ms. Jennifer Pitts, Committee Member
- Ms. Vanessa Pressley, Committee Member
- Ms. Jennifer Stanion, Committee Member
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Committee Member
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

### **Guest:**

Mr. Mike Teachey – Greenville CAN

### **Welcome and Introductions of New Members**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair. Ms. Thomas welcomed committee members and special guest, Mike Teachey from Greenville CAN.

### **Disability of the Month**

- Ms. Dana Wood, Associate Director and COO of Upstate Workforce Board, provided the committee with a list of Disabilities Awareness days for months, January through June. Members of the committee were surprised to see the number of different disabilities which were highlighted. This topic will be carried forward for additional input on how to share relevant information with staff and partners on the selected disabilities.

### **Employer Event Discussion**

- Ms. Jennie Thomas and Ms. Dana Wood reminded the committee of their previous discussion and asked for more ideas to structure the event which they hope to hold in May 2017. There was brainstorming by the committee about the advantages of making the event offer a certain number of education credit hours and also about whether it should be a lunch event or a half-day event. After a lot of discussion, and some input from Mr.

Teachey, it was agreed the committee would focus on a luncheon event and hold the time to 1.5 hours. The target audience will be employers in the greater upstate area. From the discussion it was suggested that that there would be two ad hoc committees. The first committee will focus on developing an invitation list. The second committee will focus on venue, menu, speakers and logistics, etc. All committee members were encouraged to select a committee to volunteer with. Ms. Sandy Jordan agreed to lead the committee on invitations. Ms. Dana Wood volunteered to lead the logistics committee. Ms. Wood will check with Ms. Danielle Gibbs of Senator Scott's office to coordinate with his schedule and see if he can attend the event.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.