

UPSTATE WORKFORCE BOARD DISABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2015

12:00 p.m.

Upstate Workforce Board Conference Room

Present:

- Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair
- Ms. Jennifer Adams, Committee Member
- Ms. Ann Angermeier, Executive Director
- Ms. Lynne Bosma, Committee Member
- Ms. Dot Colson, Committee Member
- Mr. Wayne Gregory, Committee Member
- Mr. Dwayne Hatchett, UWB
- Ms. Kara Tanenbaum, UWB
- Ms. Dana Wood, UWB

Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair.

Review of the law pertaining to Disabilities Committee

Ms. Jennie Thomas, Committee Chair, reviewed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, specifically how it relates to the Disabilities Committee:

(iii) A standing committee to provide information and to assist with operational and other issues relating to the provision of services to individuals with disabilities, including issues relating to compliance with section 188, if applicable, and applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) regarding providing programmatic and physical access to the services, programs, and activities of the one-stop delivery system, as well as appropriate training for staff on providing supports for or accommodations to, and finding employment opportunities for, individuals with disabilities.

Review of the Committee Charter

Ms. Dana Wood, Associate Director of Upstate Workforce Board, informed the committee that the Committee Charter is currently in draft form and the committee should revise it to meet their needs. Several recommendations were made by committee members that support the mission and primary focus of the work of the Committee. A motion was made to amend the Charter with the revisions and was passed unanimously.

Identifying other individuals/agencies to join Committee

A few individuals were recommended and will be contacted to join the Committee.

Focus of the Committee/goals for next meeting

There is a need for training for the staff at SC Works, ACHIEVE and The YouthStop, as it pertains to better assisting individuals with disabilities. The Committee agreed that this should be the first goal and then they can address the services. Therefore, the Committee will be planning two full days of training for the staff, with a training presentation and panel discussion. The Committee will partner with Able SC, SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and Commission for the Blind. The Committee divided up tasks to create a syllabus, as well as identifying the disability categories for the panel. The syllabus will be finalized by the March meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016