

**STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 27, 2024
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Location: In Person 1595 W. 500 S.

Members Present:	Lavinia Gripentrog	Selena Harris	Steven Phelps
	Austin Oseguera	Jenni Thompson	Matthew Huskinson
	Rob Ferris	Jennie Dopp	Jasi Sefcik
	Dani Williams	Bianca Gonzalez	
	Amber Marsh	Hayden Johnson	

Excused:	<i>Christine Anderson</i>	<i>Heather Mousley</i>	<i>Jenni Thompson</i>
	<i>Brian Lahti</i>	<i>Matthew Huskinson</i>	

Absent:	<i>Julie Beckstead</i>	<i>Velma Spencer</i>
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Quorum: YES

USOR Staff:	Aaron Thompson	Gordon Swensen	Sylvia Gines
	Kent Remund	Jay Wheeler	Josh Rodeback

OTHER ATTENDEES:	Linda Lartigue	Summer Sylvester	Kristen Floyd
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ACTION ITEM(S):

- Member Spotlight each meeting
- Success Stories
- Survey Results with speakers for upcoming meetings
- Utah Schools for the Deaf & Blind would like to present
- Lora Bench would like to speak to the Council (date to be determined)

WELCOME & OPENING BUSINESS

- Lavinia Gripentrog welcomed everyone to the SRC meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 9:00 am.
- Review & Approval of previous meeting (November): **Motion to approve:** by Jennie Dopp and Dani Williams with the second; council approved min.
- Mission Statement & Values read by Jennie Dopp & Rob Ferris.
- New Member Voting: three new members to be voted onto the council: Kristen Floyd, Summer Sylvester, & Linda Lartigue. Jennie Dopp and Amber Marsh with new positions, continuing on the council. **Motion to approve:** by Rob Ferris and Austin Oseguera with the second.
- Public Comment: None

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Consumer (Brian Lahti):** No report.
- **BI&L (Rob Ferris):** Spring time always hiring, direct them to our office.
- **BI&L (Dani Williams):** LSI is fully staffed. We are a Pre ETS contractor in most counties throughout the state. Finishing up the school year.
- **Consumer (Selena Harris):** working on outreach for Pre-employment transition services. Branching out in rural areas.
- **CAP (Bianca Gonzalez):** looking at trends; new cases, disagreements/ services in plan.
- **Special Education (Lavinia Gripentrog):** Planning the Annual Conference coming up June 11th&12th.
- **UCAT (Austin Oseguera):** working on AT needs for students and clients; evaluations with VR or other funding sources. Evaluations free of charge & recommendations, we are not a funding source so work with VR and other sources. Needing to hire someone to help with vehicle modifications, hoping to fill that soon.
- **DSDHH (Jasi Sefcik):** communication assessment; working with clients and their different communication skills. Easter activity at the center had a great turnout, along with tax assistance.

- **DSPD (Hayden Johnson):** Rate study with human services, research institute a little over a year, will see rate changes; my role is employment with DSPD, we provide multiple services to match with people's needs.
- **Navajo Nation (Velma Spencer):** No report.
- **DSBVI (Jenni Thompson):** No Report
- **VR (Steven Phelps):** Job Fair April 9th @ the Sanderson Center 10-2 pm to everyone and those with disabilities, employers there looking to hire, workshops to learn about Job Readiness skills. Employer Workshop. Recertifying Job Center in Provo. Finishing up the Performance year working with Counselors helping clients finish successfully with needed support.
- **USILC (Julie Beckstead):** No Report
- **Disability Advocate (Jennie Dopp):** for the Utah Parent Center- Transition Program based on development. Help families impacted with disabilities. Taken another position as the Director of Caring Tide, a disability planning organization; staying on the Council as a Parent advocate.
- **WDD (Heather Mousley):** No report.
- **Consumer (Matthew Huskinson):** No report
- **LSI (Dani Williams):** We are fully staffed
- **UCED (Amber Marsh):** Technical assistance focused around the ACRE competency, helping providers with technical training and assistance. Touching base currently with providers.
- **U of U Center for Disability & Access (Christine Anderson):** No Report
- **Advocate (Linda Lartigue)** Initiatives Coordinator for Ogden city, 2 kids with disabilities, advocacy work within the disability community for over 15 years.
- **CRP (Summer Sylvester)** has been an Employment Specialist since 2009, Director of Beautiful Ability since 2017, working with individuals from VR and DSPD to secure competitive, integrated employment.
- **CRP (Kristen Floyd)** Executive Director for Ability Inclusion Services for individuals with disabilities for Salt Lake and surrounding areas.

USOR DIRECTOR'S UPDATES :

Sarah Brenna - Legislative Update

- Budget - USOR no budget requests; DWS is involved in housing community development and homelessness able to request and receive one time 25 million and 1.1 million for SNAP; 11.8 million in statewide homeless support to the local providers; 10 million ongoing; 2.5 million in mitigation funds; community development to get the services out.
- Employee Retention - 3% COLA for employees, Performance pay for those who met those goals get a 2.5% with an additional 2 % that met expectations, so up to 7.5% raise this year.

- SB62 - additional office of professional licensing periodic reviews- easier to get the workforce going, VR is in that group. study last year, VR license types, less than 160 in the state and most through DWS. Less complaints with counselors so the internal system is working to protect clients so the requirement is not needed.
- Commissions & Boards - Governor and the Legislature notes there are too many boards, with many not on the level of oversight. Looking at every commission and board and proposed changes, SRC is a Federal requirement but 4 other USOR committees are now out. The Governor's committee for Disabilities will be changing the name but continue on and the Interpreters Certification Board looks at complaints and is eliminated. We have rules in place for that. DSDHH and DSBVI boards will also be changed.

Aaron Thompson - VR power point was sent out to the council.

- VR Performance Dashboard -
- New Applicants; Successful Closures
 - Ave. Days to Eligibility
 - Ave. Days to IPE
 - MSG Rate
- Training Services - October - December 2023
 - Graduate College; Undergraduate College; Occupational /Vocational Training; Basic Education & Literacy; Job Readiness & Life Skills Training; Registered Apprenticeship
- Top Employment Outcomes - October - December 2023
 - Janitor; Cashier; Customer Service Rep; Production Worker; CDL Truck Driver; Registered Nurse
- Students Served by Performance Year - SY-21 - SY-24
- Updated Youth Services & Pre-ETS Webpage; Contract Service Providers
- Business Relations Update

PRESENTATIONS BY: Rob Ferris - Slides sent out to the Council for Council Training

- Mission & Values; Overview
- Federal & State Structure
 - Department of Ed.; OSERS; RSA; VR General; VR Blind; VR Combined; Where are we in WIOA?

- SRC Roles & Responsibilities; Purpose; Membership; Terms, Removal & Resignation; Meetings, Conflict of Interest, & Quorum
- Goals - 1,2,3 revising
- Summary of Robert's Rules of Order
 - Purpose of Parliamentary Procedure; Basic Principles of Parliamentary Procedure; Typical Order of Business; Role of the Presiding Officer
 - Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet; Procedure for Handling a Main Motion; How to Accomplish what you want to do in Meetings; Rule Classification and Requirements
- Updated SRC Goals with a Group Discussion and updates will be approved at the next meeting.

Call to Adjourn Meeting by - Rob Ferris & Selena Harris with the 2nd.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday May 29, 2024