

**STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** June 26, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Location:** Zoom

<b>Members Present:</b>	Lavinia Gripentrog	Selena Harris	Jennie Dopp
	Bianca Gonzalez	Rob Ferris	Christine Anderson
	Julie Beckstead	Austin Oseguera	Steven Phelps
	Linda Lartigue	Summer Sylvester	Jasi Sefcik

**Excused:** *Brian Lahti*      *Dani Williams*

**Absent:** *Matthew Huskinson*      *Velma Spencer*      *Jenni Thompson*

**Quorum:**      **YES**

<b>USOR Staff:</b>	Sarah Brenna	Aaron Thompson	Gordon Swensen
	Sylvia Gines	Aimee Langone	Jason Bennington

<b>OTHER ATTENDEES:</b>	Jackie Burnham	John Pimentel	Janet Autrey
	Esperanza Reyes	Lisa Wade	Burkley Probst
	Sam	Melody Fico	

## 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, June 26th at 9:00 am.
- Review & Approval of previous meeting (May): **Motion to approve:** by Rob Ferris and Jennie Dopp with the second; council approved min.
- Mission Statement & Values read by Selena Harris & Steven Phelps.
- Revised Goals: by Aaron Thompson **Motion to approve:** by Rob Ferris and Jennie Dopp; Council approved goal revision.
- Public Comment: None

## REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Consumer (Brian Lahti):** No report.
- **BI&L (Rob Ferris):** In the full swing of summer; need more employees; job coaches. have them reach out to me.
- **BI&L (Dani Williams):** No report.
- **Consumer (Selena Harris):** Finishing up the budget for next fiscal year. Pre-ETS is feeling like it's working.
- **CAP (Bianca Gonzalez):** Working on individual cases, the past month have received new cases.
- **Special Education (Lavinia Gripentrog):** Transition Institute earlier in the month was held jointly with VR with almost 400 in attendance on the first day. Day 2 was for school teams. The website for Secondary Transition is in pilot phase; hopefully out mid August; Post High Survey is June - September. Results will be reported later.
- **UCAT (Austin Oseguera):** Equipment out to the teams, finalizing contract for Conference in the spring. Sept. 5th from 3-6 is the Open House at the Buffmire Building.
- **DSDHH (Jasi Sefcik):** DSDHH conference to Georgia and hired an Employment Specialist and a Case Manager.
- **DSPD (Lisa Wade):** Hayden Johnson is at the IL Center in St. George. Bryn Petersen went to Institute for Community Inclusion and Inclusion open this year to providers, the DSPD report from the DOJ - we will be working on this.
- **Navajo Nation (Velma Spencer):** No report.
- **DSBVI (Jenni Thompson):** Nothing to Report

- **VR (Steven Phelps):** Case reviews earlier in the month, opportunity to meet with other counselors with policy and process for clients & systems. Got to know others throughout the state.
- **USILC (Julie Beckstead):** finished the NINJA Conference earlier in June for young adults to learn leadership skills. New plan and goals submitted.
- **Disability Advocate (Jennie Dopp):** Nothing to report
- **WDD (Heather Mousley):** No report.
- **Consumer (Matthew Huskinson):** No report
- **LSI (Dani Williams):** No report
- **U of U Center for Disability & Access (Christine Anderson):** Getting ready for fall semester, lots of construction with housing. Updating the website and hiring new positions. End of our fiscal year.
- **Summer Sylvester:** Nothing to report.
- **Linda Lartigue:** Nothing to report
- **Parent Center (Esperanza Reyes):** Family Festival on June 28th will have a talent show & other activities at Millcreek Commons. Staff will be at the Building Together Conference; Inclusion Conference; Transition Conference. Working on Strategic Planning. Website is <https://utahparentcenter.org/family-festival/>

## USOR DIRECTOR'S UPDATES :

### Aaron Thompson - Updates to CRP Services & Pre-ETS Age

- CRP Update - Temporary Work Experience & Work-Based Learning Experiences
  - USOR has 2 ways to support our clients
  - WBLEs are designed for students with disabilities
  - TWEs are for students and adults
  - USOR has been exploring ways to increase the utilization of these milestones
- Background
  - USOR conducted focus groups
  - USOR sent out surveys
  - USOR gathered information from other states
  - USOR consulted with stakeholders
- Addition of Supported Education
  - to assist clients with researching and/or applying for post-secondary training etc.
- Client/ Student Requirements
  - Clients must be planning to attend or explore:
    - Programs toward industry

- Programs on Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)
- Programs recognized by Utah Systems of Higher Ed. (USHE)
- non USHE or outside recognized credential, will need to staff with DD/FSD
- CRP Requirements
  - Completion of USOR overview training
  - Associates Degree
  - Approved CRPs will be identified on the approved list
- Next Steps
  - CRP Changes will go into effect July 1, 2024
  - Performance report
- Pre-ETS Student Age
  - Recent guidance from RSA on Pre-ETS age
  - VR agencies need to align with our State Education Agency
  - USOR aligns with USBE's special education age
  - Change will expand services to 22 year old post high school students
- Age Definition
  - Age 14-21 (individuals turning 22 after June 30th continue to meet the age requirements of a student with a disability for the remainder of the school year)
  - Eligible for and receiving special education or related services.
  - Participating in an education program including, but not limited to: secondary education programs; nontraditional or alternative programs; postsecondary programs resulting in a vocational credential; adult basic education leading to a credential; Programs at least 100 hours or 1 month in length resulting in a specific occupational credential.

**Sarah Brenna** - DOJ findings are frustrating; we have been on calls with them and attorneys for both sides. Working with the Governor's office on the process, identified inaccuracies and we will be bringing this up with them. Difficulties for parents as there are lots of needs and haven't been able to get what needs they have due to lack of money and other issues. Lack of communication & response was disappointing. Coordination with USBE on IEPs is needed.

**PRESENTATIONS BY: Aimee Langone & Jason Bennington**

- **Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) Performance Report**
  - Background - a compilation of measurable data points within the USOR client management system AWARE. Various data points were gathered in order to assist in the monitoring of the Community Rehabilitation Program Agreement and for tracking the performance and progress of individual CRPs as well as training and services initiatives. Data points relating to training programs are provided by the contracted training provider, Utah State University.

- Overview of Total CRP Services
  - CRP Assessment Data:
    - VR Counselors authorize CRPs to provide two types of assessment. Work Strategy Assessments are used for clients who can benefit from a Supported Job Based Training (SJBT) or Supported Employment (SE) pathway. Discovery Assessments are used for clients who can benefit from a Customized Employment (CE) pathway. All CRPs provide SJBT and SE services, but only a limited number of providers are authorized to provide Customized Employment services.
    - Placement Data - are positions that clients of VR choose to be employed in. Successful placements mean that the individual was determined to be stable in their position.
    - CRP Capacity & Training
    - Individual CRP Performance Data

**Pre-ETS Provider Spotlight - Jacki Burnham & Berkeley Probst -**

- **META MINDFUL CONNECTIONS**

- **Our Mission**

- The greatest success in life is to be happy. When one is happy they thrive in whatever they do. To achieve this goal, requires the balance of four states of being:
  - The Mental; The Physical; The Spiritual; The Emotional
- bringing balance to these areas of life require support, love and understanding. It is our mission to create awareness in ourselves and others so we all might thrive in the balance of life.

- **About Us**

- Founder Jacki Burnham has over 40 years experience in the education field, including time in administration. Jacki embodies compassion and is dedicated to helping each child find joy in learning. We are committed to being student-centered, recognizing that every child is inherently capable of learning.
- Student-Centered
- Focused on mindset
- understand the present moment is where magic happens

- **Our Services**

- Academic Consulting for Elementary, Middle School, High School and College preparation.
- High School Diploma Course Credit
- Credit Recovery
- Accredited Online or Home School
- Experiential learning

- Career Exploration
- Connecting our thoughts to our intentions
  - Beliefs & Values
  - Goal -Directed Thinking
  - Self-Reflection & Self-Awareness
- Classroom
  - We meet the students where they are, use all resources available, needing help by tutoring, parent release class to teach one-on-one or small groups. Scheduling an Academic Consultation

### **Workforce Win - Workability Intern Success - John Pimentel & Janet Autrey VR Counselor**

- John started as an intern in the Provo office. It is there that he learned new skills and helped those clients that came in for services. During that time he was able to apply for an Office Specialist position and is there now continuing to learn how an office works and helping clients when coming in for an appointment. Very appreciative for the opportunity to learn through the intern program and developing skills to apply for a permanent position.

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

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. (IN-PERSON)