

Disability Committee

November 12, 2019
10:00 AM

Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room
5790 Casper Padgett Way
North Charleston, SC 29405

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. Approval of Meeting Notes: September 10, 2019
- III. Spring Workshop – Sharon Goss
- IV. Committee Next Steps
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TRIDENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
DISABILITY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
September 10, 2019

The Trident Workforce Development Board's (TWDB) Disability Committee met on September 10, 2019 at the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (5790 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston, SC 29406).

MEMBERSHIP: Wendy Courson; Holly Fry; Keidrian Kunkel; Julia Martinelli; Celestine Richardson; Kelly Sieling; Gilbert Smith; Wendy Smith; Tameika Tisdale; Evelyn Turner; Iona Jenkins; Yvonne Brown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julia Martinelli; Kelly Sieling; Keidrian Kunkel; Iona Jenkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Kurtis Whitehead; Tia Heyward; Jennifer Quinn

BCDCOG STAFF: Sharon Goss; Kameron Alston-Collins

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Martinelli called the Disability Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. followed by a quorum determination and introductions.

II. Approval of June 13, 2019 Meeting Notes

Kelly Sieling made a motion to approve the June 13, 2019 Meeting Notes as presented. Keidrian Kunkel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Recap of Workshop – Sharon Goss

Sharon Goss, Workforce Development Director, recapped the Disability Workshop that was held at the SC Works Charleston. The purpose of this workshop was to make people with disabilities more aware of the services offered by SC Works. Tia Heyward, Business Consultant with SCDEW confirmed that there was a total of 69 participants, 18 employers confirmed and 16 employers showed up. Ms. Goss said that the event was very well-organized, individuals were prepared, asked very good questions, were very engaged in wanting employment and that employers shared very positive feedback. Ms. Heyward will keep the committee informed with the number of participants who became employed. Ms. Goss asked the Committee what are some things that they could do different next workshop and made the suggestion that they have more accommodations. Chair Martinelli suggested that we add to the flyer "to please contact five days prior for accommodations." Committee members stated more parking spaces should be blocked off for individuals with disabilities during the workshops. The committee found out the majority of the participants heard about the workshop through Ann McGill from Live 5 News and suggested moving forward they should advertise on other TV stations as well.

IV. Committee Next Steps

Ms. Goss discussed with the committee the next steps starting with making SC Works services more visible to people with disabilities. The action plan to make this happen is to host the workshop on bi-annual basis. Chair Martinelli suggested that we track where the last 69 participants came from to attend the workshop. Tracking this data will help the committee with determining if they should have additional workshops in Berkeley and Dorchester counties or just continue with having it at SC Works Charleston. The committee agreed to have another workshop on February 19, 2020 using the same format. The committee will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting on October 9, 2019.

V. Other Business

There was no other Business to discuss.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Martinelli adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dantzer

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