

Governor's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities Minutes

Meeting Date: July 9, 2003

Facilitator: Diane Russell |

Minute Recorder: Sarah Lehmann

Attendees: Sherrie Crespo, Paul Kelsey, Stephen Maas, Karla Padilla, Bill Young

Excused: Marette Monson

Guests: Monteen Gordon

Next Meeting Date and Location

Wednesday August 13, 2003 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Judy Ann Buffmire Building, 1595 West 500 South

Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
N/A		

Topic and Summary of Discussion

Agenda Item

Discussion

Approval of Minutes	June 2003 minutes were approved and accepted.
Golden Key Awards	Monteen Gordon from DWS talked to the committee about the Council to Council Conference hosted by DWS for employers. This year the conference is October 9 and 10 in Salt Lake City. The Governor's Committee will have the opportunity for a break out session discussing barriers to employment specifically for people with disabilities pending approval from DWS administration.
Work Life Awards	Diane Russell contacted Blaine Petersen about combining the Work Life Awards from DWS and the Golden Key Awards. However after discussion it was decided the Golden Key Awards need to be a separate ceremony. One aspect of the Work Life Awards, the application/nomination process, might be a helpful tool for the Committee. Nominators simply submit the name of an employer, service provider or citizen, and staff members will conduct interviews to fill in gaps in the application. This may be a better process for the Golden Key Awards.
Work Plan	<p>Diane Russell has been revising the Work Plan as necessary. Since the June 2003 meeting the follow amendments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last core belief has been moved to the Vision Statement and changed to read "We are Utah's designated employer contact point for resources relating to employment for people with disabilities". • Objective 1 now reads "Inform and advise the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, State Board of Education, Governor's Office, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities and Legislators on local, state and national issues that affect the employment of people with disabilities". • Objective 1, task 2 was changed to "Garner support from business and industry for Business Leadership Networks in the state of Utah and other activities to benefit employers". • Objective 2, task 1 "or community" was added to the end of the sentence. • Objective 3, task 3 was changed to read "Identify community partners to assist with the dissemination of information and to help employers access available resources".

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective 4 now reads "Foster cooperative working relationship between state agencies, public and higher education, providers, and organization to address work place preparation for transition age youth and other students with disabilities".
By-Laws Revisions	There were two by-law revisions since the June 2003 meeting. The By-laws were approved and accepted pending consent from Blaine Petersen.
Recruitment of New Members	Diane Russell distributed a list of people to contact for membership on the committee. She would like to expand the Committee to 17 to 20 people with an emphasis in business and industry. Committee members should submit names and contact information of any person that should be added to the list.
Selection of the Chair	After much discussion, Steve Maas and Murette Monson have been nominated to Co-Chair the Committee for an interim period. Diane Russell will contact Murette and discuss the responsibilities before a final decision is made.
Other	Bill Young wrote and received a grant for employer education. Bill reported the grant includes a disability summit. The Governor's Committee will have a leading role in this project.

Discussions for Future Meetings

Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Contact Diane Russell with the names of possible Committee members.	All Committee members	July 14, 2003
Contact Murette Monson to discuss her interest in an interim chair position with the Committee.	Diane Russell	ASAP
Send handouts to Committee members not at meeting.	Sarah Lehmann	ASAP