

# UWIN Work Group Minutes

## Work Group: Work Incentives

Meeting Date: September 24, 2002

Facilitator: Corliss Neuber and Drew Hyde

Minute Recorder: Tamara Keene

Attendees: Linda Asa, Noreen Brown, Cathy Chambless, Margot Dana, Tina Johnson, Tamara Keene, Matt Knotts, Lynne MacLeod, Suzette Martellaro, Corliss Neuber, Phyllis Sharples, Linda Smith, Gerald Smith, Chris Velasquez, Jeff Sheen, Mandee Buckley, Nonie Lancaster, and Jolene Wyler

### Next Meeting Date and Location

November 7, 2002 from 10:00 – 12:00pm at the Judy Buffmire Building in the South Conference room

### Action Item Updates from Past Meetings

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Who</i>
Update on UWIN consumer training report.	Coming up with new strategies/processes/Training for consumer. Planning a mini conference in Provo on October 22	UWIN Staff

## Topic and Summary of Discussion

### **Review PAR Survey** (Booklet handed out)

Reviewed results

Recommendations

- 1- Prepare new workgroup members more thoroughly before they begin attending meetings.
- 2- Develop agendas prior to meetings.
- 3- Send reminders to work group participants.
- 4- Clean up UWIN membership lists and determine who should be encouraged to attend, or replace so proper representation still exists.
- 5- Continue to improve the web site and at work group meetings determine who needs tech support for web and email problems.
- 6- Strive to include employers so that the PAR model is upheld.

This survey's purpose was to help us identify if UWIN is having the results that it intended too. This goal is still in sight and the staff and evaluators feel optimistic at the outcome.

### **EPAS** (Employment Related Personal Assistance) **Update**

Up until now Personal Assistance Service was limited by time amounts or doctor recommendations

With the EPAS program, no doctor release is required

This is not a waiver program

Anyone on Medicaid could receive (except those already on a waiver program)

- 1- State Plan programs cannot have a waiting list

Applicants must have a significant disability

Ticket and MWI have influenced this expansion

- 1- Showing how state plans are trying to make service more widely available and more useful.

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- 2- Review Handouts
- 3- Currently working on a detailed service provider manual

### Training Consumers

- 1- “Why go to work?” issue that need to be explaining prior to the concept of training
- 2- Help to build a motivational segment into the consumer training
  - a- Self-esteem
  - b- Quality of life
  - c- Inclusion into the community
- 3- Explore the needs of consumers

### Community based training for rural areas

- 1- Pilot in Vernal in November
- 2- Invite agencies/providers/advocates/consumers from the entire community
- 3- Training to AARP (group)
  - a- Elderly disabled

### Outreach and Training Update

Logo development for public awareness

Media campaign will begin in spring 2003

- 1- Radio and Television spots
- 2- Employer-Consumer DVD

### Medicaid Work Incentives (MWI)

Working on a survey that will be either by phone or mail

- 1- Hoping to discover why people aren't accessing MWI fully
- 2- What are the barriers?

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### **Benefits Planning (BPA&O)**

Survey in process to get higher responses  
Information will help determine IOTI training  
Results will be collected by this week's end

### **Ticket**

Training has been the focus of this group  
Will begin to focus on the Employment Network and who they will be

### **PABBS**

Needs assessment for the SSI Overpayment issues  
1- This is in high demand by the public  
Will be co-locating with Utah Legal Aid in mid-October

### **Department of Workforce Service (DWS)**

Contacting and including employers  
"Tool Box" mechanism  
DWS is working on informing employers in an attempt to give more opportunities to employment seeking consumers

## Action Steps

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Target Date</i>
Find and report any web links that are useful or well designed. Please email these to <a href="mailto:tkeene@utah.gov">tkeene@utah.gov</a>	All Work Incentive work group members	On going through November 2002
Send Affiliation Report with the minutes	Tamara	Before November
Send Consumer training suggestions to Mande Buckley <a href="mailto:MBUCKLEY@utah.gov">MBUCKLEY@utah.gov</a>	All Work Incentive Work Group Members	On going
Identify all related conferences that UWIN could present at. (Should be related to people who have disabilities and we will need to know the times, dates, and locations.)	All Work Incentive Work Group Members	On going
Send GAO report to Work Incentives work group. Additional information on SSI and SSDI. (Matt send to Tamara)	Tamara	Before November