



Region I Disability Access Committee Meeting

June 9, 2020 • Minutes

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Member Present: James Sigwarth, Jamie Phipps, Jeanne Helling, Kayla Baxter, Lisa Farley, Lynn Gallagher, Margee Woywood, Michelle Schmitt, Nancy Steffensmeier, Ron Axtell

Members Absent: Anna Stamat, Kris Cote, Lea Dahlquist, Lisa Curtin, Marla Loecke

Others Present: Sue Larson, Clerical Support

- 1. Call to Order:** Jeanne called to order at 1:37 p.m. Roll was taken.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nancy Steffensmeier, seconded Ron Axtell, to approve Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 3. Establish Quorum:** It was noted that a quorum was established.
- 4. Action Item:** Approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2020, Region I Disability Access Committee meeting. Motion Kayla Baxter, seconded Nancy Steffensmeier. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Update with summer programming for students with disabilities**

Jeanne noted that statewide there are 13 offices working to finalize their plans for the summer programming. Some offices started this week. Have not heard how things are going or how many are attending. Sent in proposal to Mary Jackson on what we are doing for our week of summer camp. The only cost involved is printing flyers and postage. We are estimating 100 people participating for Clayton, Delaware and Dubuque counties. Camp theme is Manufacturing and will be held July 27-31. Working with the Davenport Office, IWD, Dept. of Blind and NICC. Next year will be the third year and would like to see CRPs involved and helping plus more involvement from area colleges.

Kayla Baxter stated July 13-17 their local program starts. Running two sessions, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Businesses set up to speak and tours planned. Colleges speaking by Zoom. Will do a session with bad interviews and good interviews. Fire station tour, talking with Paramedics, EMS, fire and police careers. A Culinary day also planned.

6. Region merger update (Ron Axtell)

Ron shared the realignment has been going on three years and started with the DOL wanting to reduce the number of Regions 15 to 6. Then it was ruled to go back to 15 Regions. Region 1 CEOs and RWDB voted to merge with Regions 2 & 7. Then delays because of the COVID-19 extended deadlines to September 1, 2020. Local board voted to keep current Service Providers, Upper Explorerland, Hawkeye and ECI through December 31. Some Regions merging now and others waiting six months, then they will have to open up an RFP.

Region 3 did not want to continue with the service provider and went with Goodwill Industries. Regions 4 & 5 are using Children and Families of Iowa starting July 1. Region 6 & 15 will continue with Indian Hills. Regions 8, 12 & 13 merging and will ended their contract with Western Iowa Tech College on June 30; no new service provider at this time. They do not know who their new provider will be. Region 9 & 16 chose not to continue with Southeastern CC and RESCARE will be their provider. Region 10 is Kirkwood. Region 11 is DMACC. Region 14 will continue with MeTURA.

Need to wait and see what happens in the Fall. There are four service providers and 20 counties merged. They can only have one service provider for adult and one for youth. Not sure if a consortium will be allowed.

7. WINTAC-case management

Jeanne received WINTAC information from David Mitchell to discuss. This information has been sent around the state. These are outlines and expectations for reporting on the work we are doing for DAC. The Strategic Service Alignment Planning Update Chart is due back September 1. I would propose a small group will start working on the charts and share information at the July meeting. The small group will consist of Lisa Farley, Jamie Phipps, Kayla Baxter, Jeanne Helling, Margee Woywood and possibly Ron Axtell.

8. NDEAM in October

a. Theme; Location; Combine Decorah/Dubuque virtually?

Jeanne noted a meeting room has been reserved at NICC Peosta. Jason said the State was going to a state-wide virtual event but hasn't heard any more about this. The Dubuque Conference can still be done virtually if needed. People have adjusted to virtual meetings during the pandemic. Invite United Clinical Lab to present again. An employer panel to talk. Also, show how colleges have been working with job candidates and folks with CRPs. Showing our clients going to schools and their positive experiences. The Placement Dept. at Loras Collage has some information they could share about youth programs. Focus on how we can get more people to attend. Get the HR departments involved. Ask the Truck Country Manager to come again and bring his staff. Assistive technology people are important and could record some kind of presentation to share. Invite NICC to present and have students attend. Would also like to do a Media Blast like last year and post presentations on the VocRehab Facebook page to share across the state. You can also submit some of your own stories. Will also ask at the next

Supervisors meeting what has taken place at their meetings across the state and maybe piggy-back on those ideas, what worked and what didn't.

Lynn Gallagher shared that Career Services department from Loras College will be having an event on September 24, rain date September 28 to celebrate 30 years of the ADA. This will be open to the public. Senator Harkin to present.

Could Senator Harkin's presentation at Loras College be taped and used for our event to promote our services?

9. Next meeting ideas

- Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- WINTAC case management
- Disability awareness Month ideas
- What Supervisors at other offices have done with events

10. Adjourn

Motion Ron Axtell, seconded Lisa Farley, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Sue Larson, Keystone AEA