



NORTHWEST IOWA DISABILITY ACCESS
COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes (approved on
11.10.20)**

Date: August 4, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Google Meet (virtual)

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Call to order at 9:02 a.m. by Lori Kolbeck, chair
- II. Introductions/Role call

Name	Present	Absent
Lori Kolbeck, IVRS, chair	X	
Val Bonney, WIOA (former member- now retired)		X
Shawn Fick, WIOA (new program director)		
IWD Manager, Linda Gray (former member-now retired)	X	
Kelly Bay (new IWD manager)		
Gloria Graves, IDB		X
Sarah Breems-Dieckvers, AEL (former member, resigned)	X	
Amy Otto- NCC AEL (current representative)		
Rhonda Pippey, business rep	X	
Kim Wilson, Community Agency/NWICC (former member- now retired)	X	
Melissa Loehr (new CEO NWICC)		

Toni Tewes, Hope Haven, Community Agency	X (guest)	
Staci Keli Hesslink, NWIPD/TTW, Community Agency	X (guest)	
Erin Pingel, NWIPD/TTW, Community Agency	X (guest)	
Kara Merchant, IVRS counselor	X (guest)	

Note on membership- There are only 3 members of the formal committee remaining due to retirements and changing of positions, the rest are new to the committee. Membership will be confirmed at next RWDB meeting. Membership will be expanded for additional community partners to be involved.

- III. Approval of agenda- Added item to approve 3.16.20 minutes, not formally approved, no quorum, see notes on membership
- IV. Approval of March, 16, 2020 minutes, not formally approved, no quorum, see notes on membership
- V. Open Issues/Discussion
 - a. Review Updated Membership- completed introductions and membership requirements of committee
 - b. Review purpose of committee- Explained purpose and goals of committee (physical and program accessibility, training) Reviewed accomplishments and activities of committee. Discussed possible future activities.
 - c. NDEAM- Committee formed (Kara Merchant, Toni Tewes, and Kelly Bay) to look at possibilities for radio, newspaper, and social media. Share success stories, bring awareness of employment of people with disabilities, champion an employer)
 - d. Integration Continuum- Lori Kolbeck explained the background of Integration Continuum and DAC role. Reviewed Appendix C. Added additional action steps per discussion. Lori Kolbeck will present to RWDB and report to state DAC.
- VI. Public comment

VII. Schedule next meeting- Scheduled for 11/10/2020 at 9:30

VIII. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:57