

IOWA State Workforce Development Board

NOTICE: State Workforce Development Board Disability access Committee Meeting
April 10, 2024
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AGENDA:

- 1) Welcome James Williams, Chair.
- 2) Discussions
 - a) Current local DAC's and how to reorganize, restructure, clarify expectations and purpose. It's actually a good time to do this with MOU negotiations and other discussions.
 - b) Local DAC's should not just be the core partners only, it must involve community members as well.
 - c) Local DAC's know their community's resources and can help businesses work better with people with disabilities.
 - d) Local DAC's need to know what, at minimum, they need to do and what more can they do to be aspirational.
 - e) We may have to shrink the local DAC's back and then grow them again based on this new model. Honestly, 5-10 people is more than enough.
 - f) While the SDAC can't and shouldn't do it for them, we can give them the tools and structure they need.

- g) Some local DAC's may need to be often and others not so much and that's ok if they're just consistent to the needs of the community.
- h) The local DAC's should also really be driving Disability Employment Awareness month as well.
- i) The local DAC's can also connect employers to training opportunities such as those with Autism Speaks.
- 3) Next steps
 - a) At the next SDAC meeting, we will build a mission statement, and create clear expectations, structure, and purpose.
 - b) Contact all local DAC's to meet together to discuss the expectations, structure, and purpose after we have done (a).
- 4) Closing.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

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