



SWDB Disability Access Committee

Date: 10/09/24

Location: ZOOM

Minutes

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October 9, 2024

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

TEAMS

- 1) Welcome James Williams, Chair.
- 2) Discussions:
 - a) James shared the positive feedback received from local DACs about the guidelines created by the group.
 - b) The group discussed the need to update our membership list to remove members who have left their state role or not participated in a very long time.
 - c) Tyler Hansen joined the call to present about his NDEAM efforts this month and the group brainstormed ways to engage more stakeholders in the future with identified topics and stakeholders. Particularly how the stakeholders below tend to underutilize AJC and VR resources due to lack of knowledge.
 - i) Identified Topics:
 - (1) Benefits Planning and Connection to Work
 - (2) Difference Between School and Work Readiness for Transition Age Youth
 - ii) Identified Stakeholders:
 - (1) Students with Disabilities
 - (2) Parents of Students with Disabilities
 - (3) Educators of Students with Disabilities
 - iii) Josh Cobbs also shared the resources that AU Speaks provides and how they can be used with employers or parents at no cost.
 - d) Next Steps:
 - i) James will reach out to Shelly to discuss the process to update our membership roster and report back to the group on the next meeting.
- 3) Closing.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

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