



## Region I Disability Access Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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The Chair noted that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8 the meeting was offered via teleconference (ZOOM) because it is impractical to hold a meeting with all persons present in person; all participants were able to hear one another.

**Members Present:** Jeanne Helling, Nancy Steffensmeier, Jamie Phipps, Kayla Baxter, Lisa Farley, Margee Woywood, James Sigwarth, Marla Loecke, Lisa Curtain, Ron Axtell, and Bob Hendricksen

**Members Absent:** Anna Stamat, Kris Cote, Lea Dahlquist, Lynn Gallagher, and Michelle Schmitt

**Others Present:** Penny Ingles, Clerical Support

**Call to Order:** Helling called the meeting to order at 1:35. Roll was taken, and it was noted that a quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion Axtell, seconded Farley, to approve agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action Item:** Motion Woywood, seconded Steffensmeier, to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019, Region I Disability Access Committee meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Disability Awareness Month event report out for north and south regions along with ideas for next year:** Lisa and Jaimie discussed the media blasts shared on Facebook by Victor. They worked together to share success stories. Jaimie specifically brought attention to a client looking into self-employment as an artist, with assistance created a masterpiece that received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an art show.

The Dubuque event on October 8, 2019, was discussed in length. The consensus was that it was a success. Very good format, speakers, panel, good venue. Turnout was good but would have liked to have more businesses in attendance to show what can be accomplished/what is available, and the different levels of disabilities. Suggestions for next year included starting earlier to plan. Possibly get on the TRYRA agenda. Challenge all staff to engage 1 employer and invite to event. IVRS in Mason City offers a brunch at a neutral location and has credits attached to it. Possibly start putting things together in March (spring). Check on how TH selects feature page articles for next meeting.

**WINTAC – Review Business Engagement activities and set goals for 2020:** The committee looked through the handout regarding Business Engagement. Discussing Activities and Tactics, meetings are scheduled once a month to report out on happenings. Dubuque and Decorah join in together. Business visits—Katie and Jason are busy going on business visits. Jason presented to the group on progress, etc. and Katie presented the next month on her interaction with businesses. Work based learning—working more on work-based learning. Replicating West Delaware welder program. Dubuque is going to be doing celebrated graduate. Students need to get involved to get opportunity for job shadows, OJT, etc. The Iowa Work-Based Learning Clearing House was discussed. This is a statewide site and can be accessed through Future Ready Iowa. Committee will check out for more information. Other information was shared regarding job fairs, strategic planning.

The committee talked a bit about starting on Case Management. Perhaps a 5-minute talk on accommodations. Bob H. noted that he needs at least an hour to bring in equipment and discuss assistive technology.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tentatively December 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m. (second Tuesday of each month). Committee members discussed perhaps skipping the December meeting. Penny will send out invite for December and January to see if there would be a quorum.

Motion Axtell, seconded Sigwarth to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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Submitted by: Penny Ingles, Keystone AEA