



Interagency Council of Brevard

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 12, 2013

**Meeting held at:** Brevard Workforce, 295 Barnes Boulevard, Rockledge, FL 32955

**Attendees:** Zoe Conover, Darryl Deal, Bonella DeJesus, Larry Fowler, Sherre Fries, Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, LeeAnne Ireland, Kathy Lowe, C.J. Miles, Cathy Osaisai, Laura Pichardo, Brandon Scaglione, Lynda Schuchert, Jim Watson, Tricia Woods

**Minutes taken by:** Tricia Woods

**Welcome and Introduction:** Lynda Schuchert opened the meeting.

**Mission Statement:** Read by Robert Gramolini.

**Reviewed last months minutes:** Tricia Woods reviewed May's meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by Robert Gramolini and then seconded by Jim Watson.

- Corrections made to last month's minutes: Susie Vanmeter, not Bandmeter
- Donald Blair, not David Blair

**Treasurer's Report:** As of this meeting we have \$2875.29.

- \$500.00 of a \$1500.00 Project Ten Connect mini-grant is set aside to send representatives to the state Visions Conference. Part of this money was used to send Kathy Lowe to the Visions Conference. The remainder of this grant money should be spent by the end of October, 2013. Kathy recommended that we print more Spectrum pamphlets. This was approved by the committee.

### **Order of new business:**

- Larry Fowler, Program Director of Space Coast Center for Independent Living spoke to the committee about his program.
  - o Space Coast Center for Independent Living was founded in 1972. In 1975, it was the first center to be funded in Florida to assist people and families of persons with disabilities.
  - o They provide a 4 core service plan that includes information and referral, independent living skills, individual and systems, and advocacy and peer counseling.
  - o Due to funding cuts SCCIL is down to 1 van and is working with SCAT to provide additional transportation.

- Brandon Scaglione, Independent Living Coordinator from SCCIL, provided the committee with information regarding their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual, Diversability 5K Walk, Run, Wheel Fundraiser and Festival to be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Wickham Park.
- Kathy reported that Brevard County Public School System does not have a school-based enterprise site; so she plans to assist Janice Dolan at Titusville High School to develop a coffee kiosk in the 6 story government building on South Street in Titusville. Heather Mack can assist in development of this site. Kathy presented a rough draft of the transition fair branding logo for recommendations. The committee agreed it looks good but recommended that we change the colors to match the ICB logo colors.
- Kathy also mentioned the Discovery Process Grant the School Board ESE department is doing this year. The Discovery Program is an assessment process that involves observing the individual with a severe disability in a non-traditional testing environment in order to assist those individuals with severe disabilities in appropriate employment based on their interests and abilities.

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#### **Task Force break out sessions:**

- Employment task force
  - o Discussion was based on the challenges of finding employment for individuals with severe disabilities and felons. The recommendations from the committee are, start with volunteer work and Hire for the talent/ability not disability. If you know of companies that hire felons, please share with the committee.
- Transition task force
  - o During the first month of school the transition task force logo will be on Edline for all elementary and middle school students/families to observe.
  - o Kathy wanted to make sure that we are all aware that we should be attending transition meetings.
  - o The committee is currently working on obtaining donations for refreshments for the October 18<sup>th</sup> Transition Fair and also gift certificates to use for a drawing when participants turn in their surveys.

#### **Announcements:**

- Jim Watson reminded the committee that we can always call into the meetings if we are late or sick. The call in (remote #) is 321-394-0717.
- Lynda Schuchert informed the committee that Pam Ascanio, Supervisor for Cocoa/Titusville Office for Vocational Rehabilitation is retiring. They are having a retirement get together on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-4.

**There is not a July meeting. The next meeting will be hosted by ECCI in Titusville on August 14<sup>th</sup>.**