

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (South Dakota's State Rehabilitation Council)

Public Comment at Board Meetings

Role and Responsibilities of the Board

- Gives advice to and works in partnership with the general vocational rehabilitation agency in South Dakota
- Plays a significant role in ensuring that the vocational rehabilitation program operates effectively and remains responsive to the needs of those served.
- Works in partnership with the Division of Rehabilitation Services in developing policies, planning activities, evaluating program effectiveness and carrying out other functions related to the vocational rehabilitation program.
- The working relationship between the Board and the Division is a partnership focused on ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive appropriate, timely, and effective vocational rehabilitation services.

Public comment and ideas are valuable to the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board).

At each meeting time is set aside for "Public Comment". Public comment may be in person, written, oral or electronic communication. Individuals may address the Board on any topic during this time using the following guidelines:

- If you wish to address the Board, it is recommended that you call Board staff at 605.945.2207 or email colettew@sd-ccd.org at least 15 days prior to the day of the Board meeting. You will be asked to provide your name and home community, as well as the focus of your comments.
- Once the Chairperson has announced the Public Comment Period, persons wishing to comment must be recognized by the Chairperson prior to doing so.
- There is also the ability to make Public Comment via a conference call if the necessary arrangements are made with Board staff at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- If you appear in person and wish to provide a written copy of your comments please bring copies for distribution at your discretion.
- If you are not able to appear in person and wish to provide your comments in writing email or mail them to staff at least ten days prior to the meeting. Staff will provide copies to all Board members.
- Groups wishing to address the Board should do so through a single speaker.
- Personal attacks and personnel matters will not be permitted.
- The Board may respond to or ask questions of those making Public Comment.
- The Board agenda will allow 15 minutes for Public Comment. If you need more information, please contact Board staff at 605.945.2207.
- Individuals with a dispute regarding their application/eligibility and/or a service delivery should utilize the Division's Due Process Procedures. (Contact Bernie Grimme for further information 605.773.3195).

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BVR)

Rescheduled Meeting – January 6th

(Original Date: December 15/16, 2014/BW Ramkota Hotel/Rapid City)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (central time)

DDN: Meeting Sites:

Rapid City – Local VR office – 2330 North Maple – Suite 2

Sioux Falls – Rehabilitation Center for the Blind – 2900 West 11th Street Ste 101

Mitchell – Local VR office – North Main Street

Pierre – DHS – Hillsview Plaza 3800 E Hwy 34 – Large Conference Room

Aberdeen – Local VR office – 1707 4th Avenue South, Suite A

Spearfish – BHSU LIB011 -

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Welcome and Introductions – Brett Glirbas, Chairperson

Opening Actions

Reminder of Meeting Protocol

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Board's September 11/12, 2014 Meeting

Board's Executive Committee - November 20th Meeting

Board's Executive Committee – December 19th Meeting

Time for Public Comment – Brett Glirbas

Announcements – Brett Glirbas

- 1:20 pm** Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Year End Report - Bernie Grimme
- 1:45 pm** Statewide Independent Living Council Update – Bernie Grimme/Matt Cain
- 2:00 pm** ASPIRE – Promise Grant Update – Mary Livermont, Site Coordinator
- 2:15 pm** Indicator 14 - Post-School Outcomes for Students with Disabilities
Melissa Flor – introducing Dr. Greg Cooch, BHSU
- 3:15 pm** 15 Minute Break

3:30 pm Introductions of Staff - Eric Weiss
Rhonda Lynch, VR staff, Futures Project
Catherine Greseth, Workforce Diversity Network (WDN) Director

3:45 pm Division Director's Report – Eric Weiss
a) Director's Comments
b) Legislative Session
c) Division's Budget
d) Fair Hearing
e) Fall Conference

4:15 pm Staff Updates & Continued Conversation – Colette Wagoner
Governor's Awards Ceremony Further Conversation & Reviewers for 2015
NDEAM Activities (events, debriefing meeting)

4:45 pm Closing Actions
Future Agenda Items
Member interest in Person Centered Thinking Training
Schedule Next Meeting
Adjournment

5:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

Need for Auxiliary Aids or Services

Facilities are accessible to people with mobility impairments. If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in the meeting (e.g., sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format), please submit a request to Board staff at 1-800-210-0143.

To ensure auxiliary aids or services are available, please make the request(s)
at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Protocol

- ❑ Be prompt in attending Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board) and committee meetings.
- ❑ Only one person speaks at a time. In order to obtain the floor and address the Board, all in attendance – members, staff and public – must be recognized by the Chairperson and given permission to do so.
- ❑ To gain recognition of the chairperson, raise your hand and/or address the Chairperson as appropriate i.e., Mr. Chairperson; Ms. Chairperson.
- ❑ If two or more members seek recognition of the chairperson at the same time, the chairperson will determine the order in which they will be invited to address the Board.
- ❑ If a person has already spoken to the issue, and wishes to speak to it again, others who have not yet spoken to it will first be given the opportunity to speak.
- ❑ Private conversations are not to be conducted during the meeting. The chairperson has the authority to ask others, who have not been given the floor, to refrain from talking while someone else has the floor (this is true for all in attendance – members; staff; public).
- ❑ Remind participants that this is the time to say something, if they have something to say. It will do little good for them to express their dissatisfaction with what was said or agreed upon after the meeting is over.
- ❑ People need to speak on the subject being discussed.
- ❑ Comments and discussions need to address issues.
- ❑ Listen alertly and with an open mind.