

**Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
Executive Committee
February 21, 2024 – Zoom Meeting**

Present: Cole Uecker, Vicki Stewart, Jonathan Englund, and Eric Weiss. Others present: Colette Wagoner, BVR staff.

The meeting was convened at 10:00 am central time via Zoom.

The committee reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the upcoming March meeting.

New Member Orientation will be held in conjunction with the March meeting for any member interested in attending. Orientation will begin at 9:00 am and the regular BVR meeting will start at 10:30 am. Correspondence with members about the meetings will emphasize the regular meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.

Draft Meeting Agenda: Links are now included on the agenda which will lead to information on the Boards/Commission's portal. The links added will lead to the minutes and agenda. The portal can be found at:

<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=105>

Eric asked to add a draft program guide to the agenda. The program guide will be reviewed by the Board and the item should be listed as an action item. There was consensus to add it as a specific agenda item. Eric will forward this information to Colette which will be shared with the full board. A question was asked if the public can still access the Division's program guides or if only persons with state emails can access the information. Eric agreed to follow-up on this.

Cole noted his appreciation of hearing from a former VR consumer during a previous meeting. He was not advocating that it be a standing agenda item, but noted it was interesting to hear the VR consumers' story, what services were utilized, and employment obtained. Vicki suggested having a youth who attended a summer transition program attend the September meeting and speak to their experience. Colette referenced a previous June meeting and that the Transition Services Liaison Project staff spoke to the Youth Leadership Forum event and a student delegate spoke to their experience of attending.

Colette will speak to the Board's budget during the March meeting and will include board member travel. Since the June meeting date is scheduled later in the month, it will be important to let members know that an invitation is typically extended to members to attend the YLF luncheon. This will let members know that if they are interested in attending, their travel costs would be reimbursed.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.