

Disability Committee meeting
December 10, 2020 on Zoom @ 10 a.m.

Attendees: Dana Byrum, Chair – ARS, Jeremiah Hayes – GetReal24, Reese Brewer – Frontier Metro Planning Organization, Dennis Williamson – WAPDD

Agenda

- Brief introductions and committee purpose
- Work experience
- Transportation discussion
- Goals for next meeting

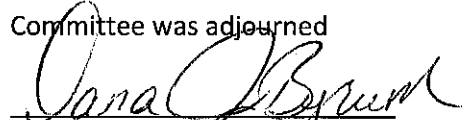
Dana asked each member to introduce themselves and what they do. Then she covered the function of the committee to provide research and data about this population related to successful integration to meaningful work. She also discussed the responsibility to reinforce connection of this population to the workforce system and services available to them.

Dennis was asked to share a brief of the Title I work experience program and Dana provided information on the work programs ARS has in area schools. Dennis stated once eligibility is established it becomes a collaboration of programs. Currently they provide work experience for youth both in and out of school. Dana talked about jobs being available in certain schools in the area. She shared that these jobs are in the school for clients of ARS. Jeremiah asked about soft skills training related to work experience basic skills stating that folks that come through their program tend to have very little experience and need this to improve client success. Dana shared that her program has resources that teach some of these skills and that she would send that to him. Dennis shared that WAPDD and GetReal24 were currently collaborating to get clients into work experience but a better understanding of services for individuals with disabilities were important to him. They will set up a one-on-one meeting at another date.

The group talked about the lack of transportation services and how this dramatically impacts individuals with disabilities. Reese shared some of the work FMPO does. That they were part of a discussion and research project on current transportation resources and where it is lacking. From this conversation the group determined that a representative of this population needs to be included to help in planning disability mobility challenges. To make a coordinated effort to bring voice to this population about transportation barriers to successful employment. Reese spoke on the bike share program and that is had stated but was halted with the onset of COVID. She said it is still an ongoing project and that she would keep the group updated. She said she would connect the group to the survey platform to ensure individuals with disabilities can voice issues and concerns.

Goals for the group is to connect network organizations in the community to disability committee members to make sure they know of possible services for individuals with disabilities. The group also committed to include ARS representatives in orientations for GetReal24 participants when WAPDD does them.

Committee was adjourned


Dana Byrum, committee chair

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Date