

South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board09
Regional Building, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Office
(HRPDC), 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Va. 23320

Minutes April 8, 2011- submitted for review at June 10, 2011 meeting.

Shirley Confino-Rehder
Stephanie Potter
Eugene Rosier
Helen Brown
Chris Heath
Barry Shockley
Shernita Bethea

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm

Feb 11 minutes approval of minutes with corrections.

1. Discussion about SHRDSB website and Senior Navigator. As reported by Barry, Representative Kim Van Eck of Senior Navigator defined Senior Navigator as “a non-profit organization offering state-wide information of seniors organization and technology to support for seniors adults with disabilities, long term support and caregivers.” They create feed centers for this information. Fairfax has recently retained their services. We questioned if the SHRDSB can serve the hub of our region. We questioned cost and possibility to find grants to make it happen. It was suggested that we invite them to our next meeting.

The 211.com website was introduced. It was noted that this statewide group offers a variety of services, but needs improvement regarding information for people with disabilities. Using in-house access to the web, we identified VA Access to discover the Planning Council hosted 211.com. The Chair we contact Susan Puryear of Planning Council for partnering to enhance their site. We can review what they do, and fill their gaps re PWD. Sherita will review for ADA compliance. We decided to delay contact with Senior Navigator until we meet with representative of 211.com.

What do we want our Website to serve as? We must develop a community dialogue with long term care support communities, senior services, mayor’s commissions, and other services to link to in SHRDBS website, creating the base of open information of all services/organizations and inviting common capacities of other participants, as well as marketing to champions and organizations. SHRD can be a base to participants. Check out VA Access and other information groups. We can fill the gaps.

2. Discussion –“Who, What, How, We are” of SHRDSB? What is our mission? Will serve as outreach program? Are we still continuing as a Board? We all agreed we must define structure of organization, purpose, and mission

Barry, Shirley, and Eugene confirmed each city’s support with in-kind services and staff representation. Portsmouth and Suffolk representative were not present at meeting.

Mission statement: (Tentative)

Mission to educate and act as resource of information for PWD for people we represent. We might consider adding to five cities make us a South Hampton Roads Resource Region board.

A letter will be sent to each City describing our 2010 Leadership symposium and accompanying DVD as well as our goals to strength connections between services and needs of services for 2011-2013. We will describe out purpose of mission, confirmation of staff support and stress the volunteer cost factors of citizen representation.

We confirmed that thank you letters and CD were sent to Presenters

We confirm thank you letters were sent to vendors.

We will send letters to cities along with CD and with all goals for 2011-2013

We will invite Susan Puryear, or her representation, to our next meeting to explain what 211.va.org. and see if we can work with them to enhance their resources for People with Disabilities.

We will continue the discussion on our Mission and Goals at the next meeting.

Adjourned 3.50 pm.