

South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board09
Regional Building, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Office
(HRPDC), 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Va. 23320
Minutes 16 April 2010

Minutes FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Attendees:

Barry Shockley	Eugene Rosier	Stephanie Potter
Shirley Confino-Rehder	Dave Gonzales	Youseff Kahlil
Christopher Heath	Brian Parker	Shernita Bethea
Helen Brown, excused		

It is noted that All cities are represented.

Points - To discuss link on website hosted by HRPD
To discuss our Focus and Mission
Confirmed meeting second Friday each month
Confirmed that there is no funding available either locally or statewide
There has not been any contact from other DSBs re their program resulting from Grant
We have now technology, to be used in outreach programs.

Stephanie Potter - Dept of Rehab –noted clients have to be put on waiting list because of budget cuts.

Can SHRDSB address this? Refocus of our mission is needed. Core membership may be enough.

Chris, followed by each city rep - What is our focus? Raising funds? In-kind services? Our mission? Our goal? Are we, or are we not, tied into previous ground rules?

Representation and city support:

Eugene – Chesapeake will have three members. No funding available.

Brian – Suffolk - A second official representative will be assigned. No funding available.

Youseff- Portsmouth has three representatives. Pat Burns not responsive. No funding available.

Shirley – Norfolk – Two representatives at this time. Possibly a third. No funding available.

Barry – VA Beach – One representative, will try to get a second. No funding available.

All cities have offered in-kind services such as printing, limited postage, and meeting space.

Suggestions for our future:

1. Identify mission and goals of board.
2. Educate the community on what we are doing, who are we, what do we want to do, how to get there.
3. Become a one-stop resource.

Transportation, Sensitivity, Employment, and Housing are all common interests. Suggested we focus on becoming a Regional Information Source on the WEB, identifying ourselves to cities, agencies, the general population as an umbrella Board of all agencies and commissions/committees as advocates on issues relating to people with disabilities, including, but not limited to laws, services, and needs, making statements on issues as we are made aware of them, such as HRT, Handiride problems and Light rail signals.

Actions:

- Hold outreach programs at each city to identify ourselves. Collectively, we can make a difference.
- Develop and maintain Website, with Ports on each subject to collect questions, links to all other service providers, updating to keep current. Monitor questions for each port on website.
- Contact and enjoin with all other commissions/committees that focus on PWD.
- Share all information with regional associates.
- Brochure, more information, something tangible to maneuver systems, etc., giving information on how to maneuver agencies, issues, etc.,

Funding:

Get sponsorships from foundations to apply towards maintaining Website, advertise on website, to help support our training and maintain our website. (Chair will contact Tina Waring). See attached correspondence.

Points made:

Have to educate everyone who we are. Invite mayor's commission/committees.

Endorsement must come from top.

Mission and goals to be broad, to fill current needs in the community as we see it.

To fill gap for a single source of information.

To be the Regional task force for PWD.

Plan of Action:

Develop Focus, Goals and Mission statement.

Connect with all city Mayor's Commissions/Committees

Change name

Offer consumer approach to getting things; Assist the capacity of the city to serve PWD;

Recognize differences and overlaps of needed services in different cities.

To be a Win for consumer, Win for the city

Chair agreed to send out what is on website now, comments on Focus and Minutes to all.

Chair request immediate feedback for focus once it is sent out.

Chair gave out DVDs to Board members to send out to presenters. Chair will send addresses of speakers, with thank you letters that will be enclosed with DVD.

Adjourn – 3.15pm

Next Meeting March 11, 2011 – cancelled Meeting set for April 8, 2011