



Disability Access Committee Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda Item	Person Responsible	Status
Welcome and Call to Order	Megan Crawford	I/D
Consent Agenda: 7/15/2025 Agenda 4/21/2025 Minutes	Megan Crawford	I/D/A
<i>Megan Crawford called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.</i> <i>In attendance: William Berning, Diane Hernandez, Kathleen Davis. Eric Kress, Sara Bath, Toni Reimers, Vonnice Stewart-Kai, Reggie McDade and Kevin Dalin.</i>		
Program Updates, Announcements, and Reports: - One Stop Operator - Equal Opportunity Officer Updates - Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation - Title IV Dept for the Blind - Business Feedback	Sara Bath Reginald McDade Kathy Davis Rebekah Traver Megan Crawford	I/D
<i>Sara Bath: Reported on Core Four initiatives and best practices for co-enrollment.</i> <i>Reginald McDade: Encourage sharing of success stories. Federal compliance changes to EO functions are still a work in progress.</i> <i>Kathy Davis: The "sun setting" of the IHH / Disability access points has created a strain on clients navigating resources, as well as an increase in referrals to IVRS. A meeting has been scheduled with Julie Gibbons the head for the local community access point on August 5th</i> <i>Toni Reimers: Emphasized the importance of empowering the younger generation to speak about their skills and abilities. Discussion occurred on the importance of both client advocacy as well as business education.</i> <i>Megan Crawford: Emphasized the learning from the Assistive Technology visit to Easter Seals.</i> <i>Vonnice Stewart-Kai: Shared business feedback comments; including navigating what support is available, as well as the need for conflict resolution and relationship training.</i>		
Discussion and Action - Review chart of work - National Disability Employment Awareness Month - Employment Resource Group Feedback and Next Steps	Megan Crawford Sara Bath Sara Bath	I/D
<i>The group reviewed the committee's chart of work. No revisions are suggested.</i> <i>Sara shared updates on NDEAM planning. Five webinars will be offered statewide. There will be business awards. She is working with Diane Hernandez about co-sponsoring an employer event.</i> <i>The committee reviewed the initial meeting of the Employment Resource Group. Positive feedback. The committee will incorporate the facilitation and engagement of that group into the chart of work. That may occur through continued facilitation of the meetings and serving as a electronic communication hub.</i>		
Wrap Up and Adjourn	Megan Crawford	I/D/A
<i>Megan Crawford adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.</i>		

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