

## DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	:	<b>Disabilities Committee</b>
Date and time	:	April 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
Location of Meeting	:	Virtual via Zoom or Phone To join meeting by phone, dial: (346) 248-7799, then enter Meeting ID: 811 1006 8577 To join meeting online via Zoom, go to: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81110068577">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81110068577</a>
Chairperson	:	Erik Padilla
Members Attending	:	<b>Present:</b> Chris Boston, Alisa Estrada, Erik Padilla, Marlene Thomas-Herrera <b>Absent:</b> Debbie Schoonover, Susana Santillan <b>Staff:</b> Steve Duran, Angela Longovia, Jaymi Simms
Guests in Attendance	:	Mary Gandara, Darleen Lopez, Marcos Peña, Cindy Quillin
ASL Interpreters	:	Lesley Marsh, Gabby Secor, Georgia Dukes (student)
Summary submitted by/Signature	:	Angela Longovia, Communications Manager
Next Meeting	:	Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

#	Agenda Item	Summary
1.	<b>Call to order</b>	Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Mr. Padilla
2.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Mr. Padilla welcomed the attendees and asked for introductions.
3.	<b>Roll Call &amp; Abstentions</b>	Ms. Longovia called roll
4.	<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment
5.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Mr. Boston made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Estrada. By unanimous consent, motion passed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chris Boston – yes</li><li>• Alisa Estrada – yes</li><li>• Erik Padilla – yes</li><li>• Marlene Thomas-Herrera – yes</li></ul>
6.	<b>Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding</b>	a) Approval of the January 22, 2021 meeting summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Boston made a motion to approve the summary, seconded by Ms. Estrada. By unanimous consent, motion passed.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chris Boston – yes</li><li>○ Alisa Estrada – yes</li><li>○ Erik Padilla – yes</li><li>○ Marlene Thomas-Herrera – yes</li></ul></li></ul> b) Work-session – Identifying PY21 Strategic Initiatives for those with Disabilities Mr. Duran presented Objectives of today's work session: brainstorm a list of initiatives, create a preliminary list of partners, and establish timelines.

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		<p>1) Brainstorm List of Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Duran started the list with five proposed initiatives that the committee previously discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase unsubsidized employment by a certain percentage or amount</li> <li>Employer Disabilities Forum</li> <li>Coordination with secondary and post-secondary schools</li> <li>Cross-training among partners</li> <li>Integrated Resource Team (IRT) Model</li> </ul> </li> <li>The current number for unsubsidized employment is unknown at this time and will be researched before the committee can discuss how to increase this number.</li> <li>During the work session, committee members and workforce partners in attendance shared their ideas. Additional proposed initiatives were added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource platform/binder for employers</li> <li>Remote employment (tele-work) opportunities</li> <li>Current employer demand – lack of workforce – employer education/perhaps tied to item no. 2 and Re-Start NM</li> <li>Identifying the existing disabilities (youth &amp; adult)</li> <li>Board to fund positions to help employers navigate opportunities and services</li> <li>Benefits planning for those with disabilities/families</li> <li>Apprenticeship programs</li> <li>Veterans with disabilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2) Preliminary List of Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Duran stated that admin will study the initiatives and create an initial list of partners to invite for each one.</li> </ul> <p>3) Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Duran suggested that we study the initiatives first and see where it would fit in PY21 before developing timelines.</li> </ul> <p>4) Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Duran stated admin will research the unsubsidized employment numbers and the committee will discuss how to incrementally increase those numbers at the next meeting.</li> <li>After studying the initiatives, admin may be able to cluster some of them. We will communicate this effort to the committee by email, then at the next committee meeting, discuss how to launch the initiatives.</li> </ul>
7.	Other	<p>Member Input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Padilla asked everyone to visit DVR's Project Search website, an internship program preparing students with disabilities for competitively-paid work</li> </ul>

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8.	Public Comment	No public comment
9.	Next Meeting	July 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
10.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_