

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting

July 12, 2022

4:00-5:00pm

Minutes

1: Welcome to the Community Outreach meeting – Meeting called to order by Damiana at 4:02, it was a small group at first so we waited a couple minutes to get started, Ryan asked people to please have patience with his new in-person supports if clarifications are needed, as his usual support is out, reminded everyone that we did have a few folks excused today.

2: Roll Call – Present (Emily can also pull the attendance record from Zoom if needed): Damiana Harper, Ryan Bondroff, Warren Weissman, Pat Bauccio, Emily Heike, Reg George, Amy Cloud, Marsha Cutting, Bill Kinyon, Matt Nash, any late attendees will be added

Absent: Patti (excused), Laurie (excused), Larry (excused), Nathan (excused)

3: Housekeeping rules – state your name before speaking, speak slowly and 1 at a time, pause for clarification if needed

4: Any additions to the agenda – approval of minutes from June 14th, there were two emails sent – one with the agenda and minutes, and the second with a spreadsheet (clarification was asked on this), a couple of folks shared that they missed having seen them come through or hadn't gotten the chance to review, they were resent to a few people to assist, and it was decided to hold the approval until next time alongside these minutes. Ryan reminded everyone that they can also be found on the Meeting Information page of our website – the link is at the bottom left of the side navigation panel, Emily confirmed that this has been the case as of June 9 when the new Open Public Meeting Act rules went into effect and verified that subcommittee and workgroup agendas will be posted there as well. No additions were heard otherwise, and our agenda today is not too lengthy. A question was asked about the platform decision and it was confirmed that we would be discussing that shortly.

5: Outreach Event Platform Update – Leadership recapped that there was much discussion about the benefits of an in-person vs virtual event at the last meeting, and a conversation was also had about our (lack of) ability for hybrid right now, and that we decided to wait and see about COVID for a bit and make a decision this month. Damiana shared that leadership had a meeting last week and have decided to have a virtual Town Hall on the evening of Dec. 8, and an in-person Leadership Action Planning meeting at a venue that is yet to be determined on the morning of Dec. 9. This is typically a much smaller group, lends itself more to an in-person gathering to allow for the interaction and connections that make it successful. So that is currently the plan, unless something changes with COVID between now and December.

A robust discussion was had about various topics, starting with the venue. It was asked if the library was a possibility, before it was discovered that it doesn't have the correct hours. The team appreciates the work Marsha is doing to scout various locations. Laurie could not be present today to share about the

work she has done on this. If folks could let us know whether they can participate in December, that would be appreciated. We still have 5 months before the events. Clarification was provided that we envision the team working on the in-person leadership event to be those that are fairly local to the area. Funding is a consideration and this seemed a good compromise. It would also cut down on travel.

Other venues were discussed, such as the PUD or a location affiliated with the tribe, but thus far we haven't had luck finding anything that would work with the PUD since it is behind schedule on being remodeled, and the tribal facilities have a cost associated. The fairgrounds were also mentioned. Skookum was mentioned as a possible location as well.

Various discussion was had on why Silverdale was chosen as the specific location, or if we could consider a county-wide event. We would likely need support from the local government either way. Silverdale is the geographic center, but is unincorporated. Concerns were expressed that we may lose focus and that it could become too large and complex to tackle local issues with a county-wide event, and that different solutions would be effective in different areas. The lack of resources to keep up with the population in the area was discussed. It was asked if perhaps Bremerton or Poulsbo could be considered as well. The difference in size and familiarity with or nature of disability issues between the various areas was raised, as well as the difference in access to services and population centers. Still, it could be that despite all of the recent growth in the area, there are more commonalities than differences among the issues between the various locations.

It was suggested that we could have a broader invite but consider focusing on specific issues and doing breakouts. It could be city based or within the various communities or categories otherwise. More thought and research will need to be done to figure all of this out. It was suggested that we can consult the list of past outreach locations again to gain a historical perspective about our past presence in the area. The logistics of starting from square one on the location or trying to reconsider the format of the leadership meeting in particular to allow for a broader audience are daunting, so the leadership will need to regroup. We will wait on the contacts item below and hopefully have something to propose before next month.

6: Discussion on identifying Silverdale key contacts – the excel spreadsheet for entering local contacts was sent as a follow up to the materials in advance of today's meeting, we will need people to volunteer to research contact information for stakeholders to invite in each of the four categories: school personnel, media contacts, elected officials, and social service providers in the community and update the list. If anyone wants to volunteer but doesn't speak up at the meeting, they can always email. Folks can also reach out with questions and we will get you connected with Laurie to work on it if you're interested. Amy offered to help with the media contacts. It was mentioned that some of the categories, such as school personnel or elected officials, can be quite large – so it was suggested we split or divide them up to make them more manageable.

7: Upcoming meeting schedule through December 2022 - we have added a meeting on October 25th, every week in November, and on December 6 to plan for the Silverdale event as we get closer. It will be the same Zoom link, and updated calendar invites were sent earlier this week.

8: Next Action Steps – the leadership team will need to regroup and discuss after today's robust discussion about possibly changing the location or format to allow a wider audience, they will come back

to the next meeting with the goal or hope of having something to propose to the team given our conversation today.

9: Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at 4pm to 5pm