

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

Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting

June 14, 2022

4:00-5:00pm

Minutes

1: Welcome to the Community Outreach meeting – Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by Damiana, welcomed everyone back, it has been a while since we last met surrounding our Colville events, she is grateful the group is tougher again and excited to close out Colville and move forward to the next event

2: Roll Call – Present: Matt, Marsha, Larry, Warren, Reg, Damiana, Ryan, Emily, Nate, Patti, Laurie, interpreter

Elizabeth could not attend, Amy was excused due to a conflict

3: Housekeeping rules – please remember to state your name before speaking, do not speak over others, and slow your pace for the interpreters

4: Any additions to the agenda - none heard

5: Colville Outreach report discussion – those present were asked if they received it and had a chance to review, it went out to the subcommittee, website, listserv, and Facebook last week and was sent directly to participants today, we are also working on an internal notice for ESD staff, the group was asked to provide any feedback or comments they had, explanation was provided that the report was shortened from past versions which used to be upwards of 30 pages, with the goal of making it more user-friendly yet still informative and interesting, did we hit the mark or is anything missing?

Various comments were heard from the group, some folks had reviewed, some had only skimmed or not had a chance to get to it yet, the general consensus from those who had was that it was comprehensive, and reviewed the main points overall. Some comments were heard that a table of contents might be useful, it could be helpful to reiterate the connection between the two meetings when switching between them in the report, and that images or graphics might help add interest.

Various discussion was had about the need to separate out the resource information, with a consensus being reached that it is important to have the information together with the full report. Various comments were also heard about the formatting.

Members were encouraged to reach out to Ryan with additional comments for feedback once they've had a chance to review it.

6: Silverdale Outreach Event dates in December 2022 – Much discussion was heard on the topic. Overall, the leadership team is excited to hold a winter event in the community, thinks it will be beneficial, successful, and that good partners exist. Discussion was had about December dates. There are holidays and school breaks to consider around that time. Currently the leadership team is looking at Thurs-Fri. Dec 8-9. Research is still being conducted, but currently, the team isn't aware of any conflicts with local government or schools. If folks are open and accepting of these dates as viable, and it is

agreed without other opinions, then the December 9 Coordinating Committee meeting will need to be rescheduled accordingly as soon as possible. Currently we are targeting December 2 for that, so that there is still time to plan the corresponding General Membership meeting, which is currently targeted for Jan. 6 due to the legislative session starting the following week. Since the two meetings will fall so close together, we will need to ensure adequate prep time in our workplan.

It was mentioned that there are various holidays around that timeframe as well. However, late October will be busy with the Awards event and prior General Membership meeting, so a mid-November event prior to the holidays does not provide enough turnaround time to prepare.

7: Outreach Event Platform Discussion – Much discussion was heard on this topic as well. With having had 2 virtual events now, the leadership team believes that a Town Hall meeting is feasible virtually, but the leadership meeting does not have the same impact. Ryan sent a recent memo from the white house prior to the meeting explaining about a projected increase in COVID cases for consideration. While the team does not have to make a decision today, we should plan to do so relatively soon, so we can begin the search for a venue and hotels if needed (pending an in-person event or not). The group was asked to share their thoughts or concerns.

Comments were heard that perhaps we could close out 2022 with another virtual event, and consider moving back to in-person in 2023. It was noted that the COVID data, weather, and budget all need to be considered, and that we are getting better at virtual events.

It was also pointed out that COVID numbers are lower in some areas than others, that Silverdale is more urban than our past two event locations, and that we may be competing with other in-person events in town and risk not having as much engagement if we were to go virtual, but that we could likely find a way to do an in-person event safely. Transportation is also a consideration.

Discussion was had about the possibility of a hybrid event. One member mentioned having just returned from an in-person event at a hotel, where refreshments were provided, and notice was provided about the need for vaccination to attend. Likely masks could be strongly suggested, as well as social distancing if in person. An in-person scouting event is desired.

Conversation was had about the bandwidth to do a hybrid event, and the level of technology, work, and learning curve required. While it may not be as daunting as it seems in terms of setup or timeframe needed, and we have members who may be able to help, it is not currently on the table as an option for this event due to lack of capacity, equipment, and the other above-mentioned items.

8: Discussion on identifying Silverdale key contacts – We have several members in the area or relative vicinity who may be able to help with this, or call upon their contacts and are willing to do so. They could also help with an in-person scouting if needed. We may also be able to call on GCDE members not on the CO subcommittee as well. It was noted that there is an ACAC in the county, and we might be able to get support or resources from local government.

9: Next Action Steps – **we will conduct a vote (virtually) to come to a decision on the platform by the end of July, after looking at our options and having discussions offline with a few more folks for input. We will keep an eye on COVID data in the meantime. Scouting is targeted for September or October.**

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12nd at 4pm to 5pm – requested to have cameras on