

## Minutes

ADVOCACY, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 3, 2022

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Waterbury State Office Building, Ash and Zoom

### Meeting called by:

Cari Kelley called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

### Members Present:

- Ana Kolbach
- Asher Edelson
- Bill Meirs
- Cara Sachs
- Cari Kelley
- Courtney Blasius
- Diane Dalmasse (ex-officio, non-voting)
- Emily Marie Ahtúnan
- Laura Siegel
- Sarah Lauderville
- Sherrie Brunelle

### Members Absent:

- Calla Papademas
- Helena Kehne
- Martha Frank

### SRC Liaison:

None

### SRC Coordinator:

- Kate Larose

### Speakers or Presenters:

- n/a

### Guests:

- n/a

### Interpreters

- Taylor Ofori
- Virginia Clark

### **1) Introductions** (Cari Kelley, AOE Chair)

**Discussion:**

Those in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves.

**Conclusions:**

Thanks to everyone!

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

### **2) Approval of Agenda** (Cari Kelley)

**Discussion:**

Asher asked for any proposed additions or changes to the agenda. Sherrie moved to accept the agenda and it was seconded. No further discussion. All approved. Vote unanimous 9-0-0

**Conclusions:**

Motion passes: today's agenda accepted

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

### **3) Open for Public Comment** (Cari Kelley)

**Discussion:**

No members of the public were present.

**Conclusions:**

n/a

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

### **4) Approval of Minutes January 6, 2022** (Cari Kelley)

**Discussion:**

Cari asked for any proposed changes or amendments to the [Minutes from January 6, 2022](#). Cari moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous 9-0-0.

**Conclusions:**

January 6, 2022 minutes were approved.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Approved minutes uploaded to SRC website, **Kate Larose**, 3/7/2022

## 5) Legislative Updates (Group)

### Discussion:

- A. [Federal Legislation](#)
- B. [State Legislation](#)
- C. [VCDR Update](#)

Cari referenced the state and legislative updates detailed above.

x

### Conclusions:

See above.

### Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:

- See if there are other sources of federal updates to share, **Sarah Launderville, 2/15/2022.**

## 6) Discussion: Transportation (Group)

### Discussion:

X

12:40pm-12:50pm

Recap of how we got here- SRC members consistently state that transportation is a critical piece of the work/education puzzle yet remains a challenge in all of Vermont from rural areas to cities. Two years ago SRC members were invited to be part of a statewide transportation summit hosted by AOT. It seems that the current emphasis of that work is the micro transit pilot. Last spring the SRC heard a presentation about micro transit and it was clear that it is not a solution for many people with disabilities. Sherrie and Cari met with AOT recently and Cari met with Reach Up Director to get a sense of how they've been approaching transportation barriers. P&P and AOE Committees both have recently expressed an interest in creating an adhoc work group and we are moving forward with that and want to take the time to determine the focus of the work of that group and thinking through who else should be part of the group. The context of this group will be transportation solutions so that people with disabilities have access to careers and education.

12:50pm-1:10pm

In trios, take 20 minutes to discuss the following questions and be prepared to bring notes back to the large group. (Email notes to Kate afterwards for minutes.)

What questions would you like this working group to answer? What do you think their charge or deliverable should be?

Though the majority of members of the working group should be SRC members, there is potential for additional members from outside the SRC. Who else do

you think should be part of the working group or what other voices do you think need to be represented?

1:10pm-1:20pm

Report outs

1:20pm-1:25pm

Cari to name next steps

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- x

**7) Upcoming Events (Group)**

**Discussion:**

x

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

n/a

**8) Other Business (Group)**

**A. Agenda Setting: May 5, 2022**

**Discussion:**

x

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Connect with AOE Chair to determine creation of an adhoc committee on transportation or joint meeting, **Sherrie Brunelle, 2/1/2022**

**9) Adjournment (Cari Kelley)**

**Discussion:**

Sherrie moved to adjourn and it was seconded. All approved. Vote unanimous 9-0-0.

**Conclusions:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m..

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Draft minutes uploaded to SRC website, **Kate Larose**, 3/7/2022
- Draft minutes emailed to Committee members, **Kate Larose**, 3/7/2022
- Minutes approved, **Committee**, 5/5/2022
- Approved minutes uploaded to website, **Amanda Arnold**, 5/10/2022