

**SRC Approved Minutes**  
**Vermont State Rehabilitation Council**  
**ADVOCACY, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 7, 2023  
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Meeting called by:**

Courtney Blasius called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

**Members Present:**

- Asher Edelson
- Cari Kelley
- Bill Meirs
- Nancy Richards
- Cara Sachs
- Sherrie Brunelle
- Sarah Launderville

**Members Absent:**

- Helena Kehne, excused
- Diane Dalmasse (ex-officio, non-voting)
- Courtney Blasius, Chair
- Laura Siegel
- Ana Russo, excused
- Calla Papademas

**SRC Liaison:**

- Diane Dalmasse

**SRC Coordinator:**

- Janice Leonard

**Speakers or Presenters:**

- n/a

**Guests:**

- n/a

**Interpreters:**

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**1) Introductions** (Cari Kelley, standing in for Courtney)

**Discussion:**

There weren't any new members or visitors, introductions not needed.

**Conclusions:**

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

None

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

**Discussion:**

Cari asked for any proposed additions or changes to the agenda. Asher moved to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Cara. No further discussion. All approved. Vote unanimous 6-0-0

**Conclusions:**

Motion passes: today's agenda accepted

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

Finalize agenda and upload to SRC Website, **Janice Leonard, 9/30/23**

**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 Prior Meeting Minutes** (Cari Kelley)

**Discussion:**

Cari asked for any proposed changes or amendments to the Minutes from May 4, 2023. Asher moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Bill. No discussion. Vote unanimous 5-0-1

**Conclusions:**

May 4, 2023 minutes were approved.

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

- Upload approved minutes to SRC website and link emailed to members, **Janice Leonard 9/30/23.**

**5) Discussion: Changing Meeting Time** (Group)

**Discussion:** Courtney wasn't here to comment, group agreed to table. Janice will talk to Courtney and get times that she can meet. Discuss at the Retreat to find time to work for all.

**Conclusions:**

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

Janice to discuss time availability with Courtney.

**6) Plans for October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month** (Group)

**Discussion:** Neither Diane nor Courtney were at the meeting to share ideas to get going on this. We will try to talk at the Retreat to discuss this. There will not be enough time to get the October event in place.

**Conclusions:**

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

**7) Upcoming Events** (Group)

**Discussion:**

**Conclusions:**

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

**8) Other Business** (Group)

- a. Beth Stern visiting. AOE or Full Council? Janice to ask Diane.
- b. Anyone interested in being part of a Disability Caucus can contact Asher
- c. Asher will not be continuing on the SRC when this year ends.
- d. Opioid Pilot information – Janice get to AOE members
- e. The healthcare notice for those on disabilities will be from Sarah to the group. <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/09/07/hhs-issues-new-proposed-rule-to-strengthen-prohibitions-against->

discrimination-on-basis-of-disability-in-health-care-and-human-services-programs.html

**f. Agenda Setting:**

- i. Agenda for this should be discussed at the Retreat
- ii. November 2, 2023

**Discussion:**

**Conclusions:**

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

**9) Adjournment** (Cari Kelley)

Sherrie moved that the meeting adjourn, it was seconded by Asher. Cari called the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

**Meeting Action Items, Person Responsible and Deadlines:**

- Finalize agenda and upload to SRC Website, **Janice Leonard, 9/30/23**
- Draft minutes for this meeting, send to Committee Chair for comment then upload to SRC website, **Janice Leonard, 9/30/23**.
- Finalize approved minutes for last meeting and upload to SRC website **Janice Leonard, 9/30/23**