

Coordinator's Report

January 11, 2024

Chair Elections

The first meetings of the calendar year are underway and so is the election of Committee Chairs. P&P has re-elected Sherrie as the chair and also added the position of Vice Chair and elected Laura Siegel to that position. AOE has re-elected Courtney as Chair of that committee. Still to come:

1. Performance Review, election to be held at next meeting on 2/1/23
2. Chair of SRC, election to be held at full SRC meeting 2/1/23
3. Vice Chair of SRC, election to be held at full SRC meeting 2/1/23

The Status of the SRC membership

We have a full council once again. Gubernatorial appointments are still pending. We'd like to welcome these new members to the council:

- Angela Allard (Business, Industry, Labor Representative)
Bio: Angela Allard has been working in the Human Resources field for the past 11 years. She currently serves as the Talent Manager at Gifford Health Care. Her career has provided her with years of experience working with management to select candidates and because of her tenor at the same organization she has observed what attributes lead individuals to be successful in their positions.
- Jacqueline Kelley (Disability Group Representative)
Bio: Jacquie is an Emergency Preparedness Specialist at the St. Albans Office of Local Health. In her role, she works with community partners and oversees the Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps to prepare Franklin and Grand Isle counties for emergencies. Additionally, she focuses on educating state employees and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers on ways to address access and functional needs before, during and after emergencies. She is a wheelchair user, was an assistance dog user for 5 years and has been an advocate her entire life. She enjoys engaging with my community in various ways and being a part of disability advocacy circles. Outside of her job, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, being outside, cooking and surrounding herself with pets.
- Brandy Reynolds (VR Counselor Representative)
Bio: Brandy is a Vocational Rehabilitation professional who currently holds a BA in Health and Human Services and a certificate in Youth Development. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling. She enjoys working with youth, specifically, and she hopes to continue to do this impactful work for as long as she is able.

- Tara Shatney (VR Counselor Representative)
Tara is honored to serve as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council, working toward advancing the rights and opportunities of individuals living with disabilities in Vermont. As an associate VR counselor with a background in various human services work including non-profit community action and child protection social work, she has a deep understanding of the challenges that individuals with disabilities, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds, face in our society. She is passionate about advocating for inclusivity, accessibility, and equal opportunities for all.
- Emily Wagner (State Educational Agency Representative)
Emily Wagner (she/her) is the Program Manager for the Vermont Career Advancement Project at the Community College of Vermont. She has a background in public health, prevention education, and advocacy and believes strongly in building systems that provide students with opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Emily holds a BA in Biology from Colby College and MPH from Tufts University and spends as much time outside as possible.

- Amanda Wheeler (State Workforce Development Board Representative)
Amanda Wheeler is a lifelong Vermonter and currently works as a Special Assistant to the Governor in Governor Scott's Office. In addition to this role, she also serves as the Interim Director of the State Workforce Development Board.

Joseph Soares has left the council and Abby Levinsohn is thinking of leaving.

Membership at a Glance:

Role	# of Members
Members Who Disclosed Disability in Application	10
Business, Industry, Labor Representative	4
Client Assistance Program Representative	1
Community Rehabilitation Program Service Provider	2
Current or Former VR Applicant or Recipient	2
Disability Group Representative	3
Parent Training and Information Center Representative	1
State Educational Agency	2
State Workforce Development Board	1
Statewide Independent Living Council Representative	1
VR Counselor	2

Total Members (including non-voting and SRC liaisons)	20
Total Voting Members	17
Total Members with Disability	10
Percent of SRC who are PWD	59%

Please let me know if any ideas, thoughts, constructive criticisms, and compliments! I'm here to help this council, I'm here to help YOU! I hope you have a great holiday season.

Don't hesitate to call, email, or text if I can help in any way!

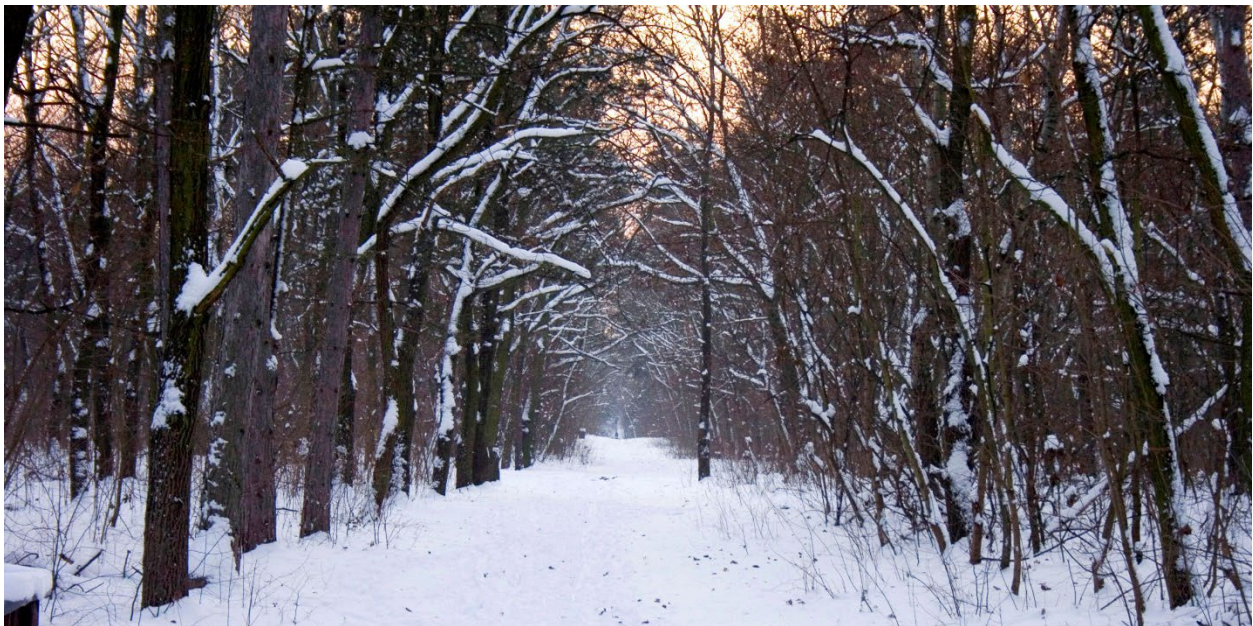
Warmly,



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Stay Warm Everyone and I hope 2024 brings you peace and happiness!