

CAC Meeting 09/28/2016

ATTENDEES

Ament, Chris
Blackwell, Julia
Brightful, Shari
Erb, Suzanne
Heitz, Lynn
Kirby, Renee
Sandra Huwie (By Phone)
Macsi, Kay
Oaks, Ken
Parker, Annamarie
Princiotta, Laura
Regli, Tanya
Tobler, George
Trout, Wayne
Wall, Steven

WELCOME

Suzanne Erb

INTRODUCTION

(All Members Present) Lynn Heitz will be joining us, as well shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Floor was opened for acceptance of minutes by Suzanne Erb which Wayne Trout motioned for acceptance and Ken Oaks second, thus committee accepted.

PRESENTATION BY A COMMUNITY AGENCY

Introduction of presenter for today was performed by Shari Brightful.

Presenter was from SPARC and invited by Ken Oaks.

Ms. Laura Princiotta

Ms. Princiotta went into her presentation on SPARC, how it came about, its business, how it services our community, the various departments of SPARC and the

goals/services of SPARC, as it continues to grow with the help and support of agencies like OVR who has funded 45 people. She also spoke on the name change of SPARC (formerly known as PDDC), the strategic plan to move individuals out of the workshop and into to competitive integrated employment, committees and restructuring of the program to support its new structure and purpose, as well as obstacles that they are undertaking, in order to reach their goal. Partnering is of crucial interest for many reasons. Nexfab is one of the organizations that SPARC is partnering with at present.

Other topics touched on/explained about SPARC were:

- Discussion on the decision involvement with all staff
- How board membership was assembled.
- Training process and opportunities
- Customer employment training
- Fiscal Analysis
- Reimbursement from state.

Q&A FROM THE COMMITTEE

(Q) Will the services of SPARC be just for people with disabilities?

(A) Services will include both people with and without disabilities.

(Q) Have you considered Overbrook School for the Blind for space possibilities?

(A) Yes

(Q) What Visual Impairment/Blindness services are provided by SPARC?

(A) This is currently in the process of being worked on by SPARC. An arts program was discovered and the many connections available.

The ARC of PA and its interaction to help in this area was discussed, as well as a collaboration with BBVS & SPARC working together to provide some sort of training for these potential customers.

(Q) Can agenda and minutes for CAC meeting be mailed out prior to meeting to review and prepare for next meeting?

(A) Yes, Shari Brightful will make sure that this is done for all members.

BVRS UPDATE (Shari Brightful)

At present BVRS continues to hire to meet compliment.

- We have 4-6 VRC positions that we will be filling.
- We have 1 CT3 position that we are looking to fill.
- We have 3 CT2 positions that we are looking to fill
- BSR has been recommended

We are also looking to fill 2 Annuitant positions which is our goal.
Existing Staff and Budget Review
PETS Activities Discussed
Pre-Employment Transitional Services (6) – Approved Providers
Always seeking more providers
12 Plus Services & Junior Achievement Are Submitting P.E.T.S. Proposals

BBVS UPDATE (Lynn Heitz)

59 VR Referrals as of August
60 Successful Employment for the year.
60 Successful Closures

10 Vacancies

We have 3 Social Worker positions we are looking to fill
We have 3 CT2 positions that we are looking to fill
More positions will be added

New intern starting on Monday, October 3, 2016

On November 2, 2016 we have a parents meeting scheduled

We are collaborating with Temple Univ. for an all-day event, primarily for high school students.

Answering of BBVS phones was questioned and why there is no clear and concise direction on voicemail, when a potential customer calls and gets no live representative.

Lynn explained current problem with that line and Steven Wall of BVRS agreed to go fix the line for BBVS.

The lengthiness of the VRC hiring process was shared.

CAC MEMBER UPDATES

NDEAM Events – Some Are Open & Some Are Closed. Shari will send list.

CAC members asked us to provide statistics, regarding how many applicants we had this year and how many people obtained employment.

CHAIRPERSON

Suzanne Erb was recommended by K. Oaks to take over his position as CAC President. All CAC members were in agreement. Ken will be resigning from his position as CAC President 11/1/16.

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

INFORMATION SHARING

Shari Brightful shared with SPARC that Furnishing & Future is looking for an opportunity for partnership. This may be an excellent contact for SPARC.

Also PHEA has space and land, for H.S./University collaboration.

Saul Agricultural High School is a possibility for space for SPARC, as well as Strawberry Mansion High School, as well.

Vision Care is looking for 6 or 7 employees with college education

CHOP has partnered with GettingHired.Com

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2016/1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.