

# **WILLIAMSPORT 06/09/16 CAC MEETING MINUTES**

## **Citizens Advisory Committee**

**June 9, 2016**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- New member: Michaelleen McNamara – Professor at PCT and consumer. Psychotherapist at Susquehanna Health. Also worked at Crossroads Counselling
- Dale Verchick, Advocate for Disability Right, PA Council was to join in by phone but didn't, which later found being due to another statewide meeting commitment.
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Importance to attend the meetings – you have to show up at least once a year or the Committee will assume you are no longer interested in being a member and your name will be removed.

### **OVR Events Update**

- 4/27/16 Employment First – gathering information from citizens – no callers from the group.
- Youth Transition Job Fair on 4/28/16 – rainy day – about 30 participants took part. We are trying to target youth.
- Spring Job Fair on 5/25/16 – OVR conducts two job fairs-- one in spring and one in the fall. We had road construction outside. 50 participants took part. Chris thanked Karen and Shirley for bringing participants to the job fair.
- Fall Job Fair on 10/19/16
- Parent Night – in the near future

### **Disability Awareness Month Event**

***"Get Ready, Get Hired"*** – Preparation for job fair

Sponsored by Lycoming County Employment Committee for People with Disabilities.

October 11, 2016 at Genetti Hotel 1:00 to 3:00 PM

All members will have a table for their program and each table will take a topic and give information of job fair preparation and local public service agencies.

Old City Hall used to have a place where you bring in your resume and it will be professionally done. This is not a free service.

## **WIOA Update**

- WIOA Wednesday Video conference
- Most recent update
- President Obama has signed this legislation to provide funds for transitioning youth to employment.
- ODP funding to serve targeted people with disabilities that have a diagnosis of either autism or intellectual disabilities (used to be mental retardation). Assessment services will be provided by OVR before they are placed in any program. OVR received money from ODP to serve this population. It is required that the company who hires this population has to pay at least minimum wage NOT sub minimum wages for those who are employable. In the past those who could not be employed competitively were placed in sheltered workshop for piece work. Effective July 22, 2016 there will be no more sheltered workshops per legislation under Section 511.

**Pre Employment Transition Services** - PETS – for in-school youth.

## **Inspirational Congress Members**

- Senator Kirk – had a stroke and is wheelchair bound.
- Congresswoman Duckworth – lost her legs RPG struck the helicopter

Scott passed out information to let everyone know that a disability does not hold you back.

**CAC Flyer/Brochure** – See attached brochure.

Question – what will be put in the inside? Blank backside could be used to promote an event.

Picture on front was questioned because of the real small child on brochure.

Center column reduce the hyphenated words.

First block change chairman to “Chairperson”

**Directory Update** – we are recruiting members all the time. So if you know of anyone who may be interested, please invite them.

**HGAC** – still is there for evaluation, assessment and summer employment program.

**Assert Yourself** – Lawyers from the Civil Liberties Union put on an event Pro Bono. This was an event.

Michaeleen will not be able to attend 9/15/16 due to class at Pennsylvania College of Technology. \*\*\*Shirley and Karen mentioned the day of the week can change.

PBS – showing a program on Penn College history and people with disabilities and how things are changing. "Working Class: 100 years of Hands-on Education". The trailer for the hour long documentary is on You Tube <https://youtu.be/HtoC7ZT4jX0> as well.

**Next Meeting: September 15, 2016.**

Chris and Sandy will provide refreshments.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joanne Mondell**

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