

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (South Dakota's State Rehabilitation Council)

Public Comment at Board Meetings

Role and Responsibilities of the Board

- Gives advice to and works in partnership with the general vocational rehabilitation agency in South Dakota
- Plays a significant role in ensuring that the vocational rehabilitation program operates effectively and remains responsive to the needs of those served.
- Works in partnership with the Division of Rehabilitation Services in developing policies, planning activities, evaluating program effectiveness and carrying out other functions related to the vocational rehabilitation program.
- The working relationship between the Board and the Division is a partnership focused on ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive appropriate, timely, and effective

vocational rehabilitation services.

Public comment and ideas are valuable to the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board).

At each meeting time is set aside for "Public Comment". Public comment may be in person, written, oral or electronic communication. Individuals may address the Board on any topic during this time using the following guidelines:

- If you wish to address the Board, it is recommended that you call Board staff at 605.945.2207 or email colettew@sd-ccd.org at least 15 days prior to the day of the Board meeting. You will be asked to provide your name and home community, as well as the focus of your comments.
- Once the Chairperson has announced the Public Comment Period, persons wishing to comment must be recognized by the Chairperson prior to doing so.
- There is also the ability to make Public Comment via a conference call if the necessary arrangements are made with Board staff at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- If you appear in person and wish to provide a written copy of your comments please bring copies for distribution at your discretion.
- If you are not able to appear in person and wish to provide your comments in writing email or mail them to staff at least ten days prior to the meeting. Staff will provide copies to all Board members.
- Groups wishing to address the Board should do so through a single speaker.
- Personal attacks and personnel matters will not be permitted.
- The Board may respond to or ask questions of those making Public Comment.
- The Board agenda will allow 15 minutes for Public Comment. If you need more information, please contact Board staff at 605.945.2207.
- Individuals with a dispute regarding their application/eligibility and/or a service delivery should utilize the Division's Due Process Procedures. (Contact Bernie Grimme for further information 605.773.3195).

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation
March 25 – 26th, 2013
Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls

Monday, March 25, 2013

- 1:15 pm Welcome and Introductions – Elaine Roberts, Chairperson
Opening Actions
 Reminder of Meeting Protocol
 Approval of Agenda
 Approval of Meeting Minutes
 Board’s December 13/14 Meeting Minutes
 Executive Committee’s Minutes March 13, 2013
- 1:30 pm Conversation/Update with Business Resource Network (BRN)
 Julie Briggs, Executive Director
 Colleen Moran, BRN Board Member
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Time for Public Comment – Elaine Roberts
- Announcements
- Future’s Initiative Update – Bernie Grimme
 Katie Gran, Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff
- Division Director’s Report – Grady Kickul, DRS Director
- a) Director’s Comments
 - b) Legislative Session & Recap of DHS bills
 - c) Status of DHS Strategic Plan
 - d) DRS Budget Update
 - e) FFY 2012 Year End Data - Follow-Up
 - f) Liz Fabiano/Cognitive Motivational Tools Initiative
 - g) Technology Update
- Statewide Independent Living Council Update – Bernie Grimme
- Workforce Development Council Update – Grady Kickul
- Disability Summit/Public Gathering in Mobridge – Partnering with
BSBVI, SILC, and Divisions
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month – Update
 Committee Reviewers
- Meeting Adjourned for the Evening

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

8:15 am Meeting Reconvened

Welcome and Introductions – Elaine Roberts, Chairperson

Employer Resource Network Update – Kathy Hassebrook

9:00 am Conversation with Department of Veterans Affairs – Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program – Kevin McCarthy - staff

10:00 am Break

Time for Brainstorming....

Employment events, dialogue with employers, public meetings

State Plan Submission Process – Bernie Grimme

Provider Survey Update – Bernie Grimme

Other Business

Closing Actions

Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting

12:00/noon Adjournment

Any individuals attending the meeting who will require an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in the meeting

(e.g., sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should submit a request to Board staff at 1-800-210-0143.

Please request these accommodations no later than **10 days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

Meeting Protocol

- Be prompt in attending Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board) and committee meetings.
- Only one person speaks at a time. In order to obtain the floor and address the Board, all in attendance – members, staff and public – must be recognized by the Chairperson and given permission to do so.
- To gain recognition of the chairperson, raise your hand and/or address the Chairperson as appropriate i.e., Mr. Chairperson; Ms. Chairperson.
- If two or more members seek recognition of the chairperson at the same time, the chairperson will determine the order in which they will be invited to address the Board.
- If a person has already spoken to the issue, and wishes to speak to it again, others who have not yet spoken to it will first be given the opportunity to speak.
- Private conversations are not to be conducted during the meeting. The chairperson has the authority to ask others, who have not been given the floor, to refrain from talking while someone else has the floor (this is true for all in attendance – members; staff; public).
- Remind participants that this is the time to say something, if they have something to say. It will do little good for them to express their dissatisfaction with what was said or agreed upon after the meeting is over.
- People need to speak on the subject being discussed.
- Comments and discussions need to address issues.
- Listen alertly and with an open mind.