

South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board09
“Increasing awareness and abilities to employ individuals with disabilities in local government positions.”

Minutes 10 June SHRDB '09

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George Harden –211Virginia. Continued discussion. Dispersed Listing of Resources on database re disability issues. Review listing, feedback of assessment, additional information. Names, agency names, city, status. Collection Requested committee access assessment of listing, names, area, agency/city/status of SoEast Va., Southside. Peninsula not included. Some Eastern Shore, Smithfield is included. (Dave) noted employment agencies are not included. Noted this was not a complete listing. Add agencies, separate information per program to share with public. Separate listing of resources, listing Data collection used. Separate sheet of information for each program and agency for data to share with public. This list can be reviewed online. Status column noted which resources have to be reviewed formally to update data annually.

New listings and problem listings are checked, and usually take approximately 48 for approval. Problem listings are recognized by receipt of complaints, staff discovery.

Agency on database could have notice of alert to call them for information. There are no prohibition to add agencies to the resource list, unless for they are profit, or are specific supports unless need, is identified. 211Virginia acts as a source for connecting dots of information. Attempts will be made to network with other sources for more information, if there is a need.

Percentage of hits/ total calls will be reported next month. Maintained by central office. Count inquiries for phone, not count of people phone call is involved in.

211Virginia is work in progress. SHRDSB contribution is to assured value, stability, and history of sources for PWD, and to assist in classification of groups.

Classification of groups refers to how agencies and services are listed on their forms. Request we check listings, omissions, and additional data. This is a continuous process. Agencies are in listed under main offices, not specific areas of assistant. Listing determined by individual agency listing selections. SHRDBS can enhance listings. Links can be interconnected with services.

PWD is not on staff at this time. Volunteer and paid staff is used.

G. Harden would appreciate notification of events that 211Virginia can promote program. We will continue to discuss this at our next meeting in July.

Minutes - April, May minutes approved as submitted.

Shernita - Handed out written report re six DSB Agencies. Received were reports from Chesterfield, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Culpeper County DSB, Fauquier County DSB. Rappahannock-Rapid DSB is no longer active. Rappahannock-Rapid

Most have redefined their programs. All stated where more active, meet on their own, with/without administration support from City/Count, but a had resolutions or agreements with their cities. Loudoun Country requested and now has City representatives on board.

Some Initiatives identified:

1. Assistance in adaptive technology with various companies;

2. Consultations re UD, ADA, Parking with developer/contractors;
3. Re-evaluation, re-establishing board/committee;
4. Creating Accessibility Checklists and tips;
5. Creation referral lines and resources;
6. Creation of speaker bureaus re ADA, UD, home modifications, transportation, housing, etc.
7. Creation accessible apartment listings;
8. Etiquette when working with PWD.

Several Boards held strategic planning sessions. We received missions, purpose of Boards for our review. Each group was anxious to learn what we accomplished.

Suggest:

1. Formal retreat to plan SHRDSB mission, goal, purpose;
2. Formal resolutions from each Cities.
3. Development of Work Plan
4. Update of website to include:
 - Minutes
 - Mission and goal
 - ADA links
 - More resource
 - Contract information
 - Create Board as contact for information to our Cities

Will research if there are more Mayors' Commissions/Committees for PWD.
Shernita expects to receive additional responses.

General Discussion – We wanted to hold a formal retreat to identify our direction, find funding for helping develop our goals. We have to create proposal to identify what we want and need.

- o Appointment to discuss with Foundation
- o Research for funding
- o Norfolk Foundation deadline July 15 for funding for seed money regional
- o Obici Foundation for funding
- o Norfolk Community Foundation
- o 4H Club – Wakefield

Chair will submit to Board a request to Suzanne Puryear for act as Facilitator to form our direction.

Eugene – Announced SunTrust is charging \$1.00 per day from our fund. Eugene will be speaking to manager. Suggest will close account, request refund.
Balance \$320.

Meeting adjourned 3.45pm