



Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board

Disability Access Committee (DAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cynthia Whalen, Lanae Greene, Chad Pratz, Travis Robinson, Eva Castillo, Joy Szewczyk, Carolyn Farley, Erika Clark, Martha Bell, and Maria Gonzales

Members Absent: James Stout

Staff Present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Associate Director

One-stop Operator: Robert Ryan

Equus Staff: Shannon Weaver, Operations Supervisor, Kendra Schaapveld, Project Director

CALL TO ORDER

Whalen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

QUORUM

The committee had a quorum to conduct business.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Stout absence noted as excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clark made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Greene, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Szewczyk made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Bell, the motion carried.

ADA PHYSICAL/PROGRAMMATIC ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

Whalen reported the ADA evaluation will take place May 18th 8AM-Noon at the Burlington Center, and Davenport's evaluation will take place on June 7th 2PM-4PM. Whalen went on to summarize the priority areas of the evaluation. Each center has their own ADA Accessibility Tool Kits with the necessary tools for completing the evaluation. They will try to have multiple tool kits at each location to split up the priority areas into groups to complete the evaluation. Pratz asked if all the areas need to be evaluated or just the areas that had issues from last years evaluation. Whalen said they will be pulling the measurements and data from the previous assessment to compare to this year's measurements.

CENTER ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Whalen recapped meeting with Easter Seals covering the lending library and will share out information to access the library. Whalen reviewed the devices shared by Easter Seals with several devices replacing the devices originally on the AT list because of cost and functionality. They are working with Brian Dennis to put forms, events, job leads on the iPads to create a virtual lobby. The iPads will be purchased and services through IVRS. Whalen has a list of apps that will potentially go on the iPads. Clark requested the app list be sent via email so the committee could review and provide her feedback. C-Pen readers are recommended by Swafford. Ryan asked if there was a AT device not available that would have helped a participant. Clark relayed Stout had used a program to read the computer screen, she thought it would be helpful to have a C-Pen available to read the printed papers. Szewczyk liked the idea of having them on hand but since she doesn't work in the center not sure how useful they would be. Ryan concerned about stock piling devices that won't get used. Bell echoed Szewczyk sentiment and felt having one or two in each center would be reasonable. Schaapveld echoed they would be nice to have in the center because they could be used as a translation device for those with language barriers. Whalen said there would need to be a system or process in place to check out devices. Whalen stated down the road there would be an outreach campaign to inform people the tools are available at the centers. Whalen shared the ICT Services training available for creating website and PDFs that are accessible.

UPCOMING MEETING

Next meeting date will be July 18th at 3PM via Zoom.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNED

Szewczyk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bell, the motion carried, and Whalen adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.