**State Rehabilitation Council, Full Council Meeting Call**

* 10:00 am -12:00 pm
* April 23rd, 2020
* Attendees:     Tom Frank, Cameron Hager, Nicole Clements, Linda Goodspeed, Harriet Hall, Fred Jones, Steve Pouilot, John Spinney, Kaelyn Modrak, Pam Schirner, Shelby Glass
* Absent: Vincent Livoti, Rose Lucenti, Sherri Brunelle, Martha Frank

**Please read:** Attached documents:

* SRC Full Council Meeting Minutes from 2/27/2020

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. | Welcome  Any adjustments to the agenda? |
| 10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. | Public Input  Acceptance of the February Meeting Minutes. |
| 10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Updates from Group |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | DBVI Needs Assessment |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Discussion of June SRC/DBVI Meeting |
| 11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Parking Lot (End of Meeting) |

**Acceptance of February Meeting Minutes**

* Minutes accepted as amended

**Updates**

* **VABVI (Steve)**
  + Suspension of in-person services. Everyone working from home
  + Using phone calls and video calls to do services
    - Zoom, in particular, has been successful in giving various services
  + Still ordering aids and appliances
  + Students are still being seen as part of IEP plans
  + 350 active clients
    - Calling once every other week
  + Some intake still happening
  + Moved PALS meeting to Zoom
  + Outlook after lockdown
    - Hoping for volunteers to return
  + Fundraising has been hurt a bit
  + Had to lay off drivers
  + Had to lay rehab teaching assistants
  + Applied for CARES Act
    - Concerns over rollout of various policies from government

**ABLE Library (Tom Frank)**

* Vincent Livoti has taken a new position in Boston
* Received funding from CARES Act
* Wendy and Sarah are still working for the ABLE Library
* Over 9,000 books in large print

**Agency of Education (John Spinney)**

* Guidance

* + <https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools>
* Vermont seems to be in front of most states
* Special education directors are aware of Xfinity deal
  + Comcast was withholding due to parents being behind on bills
* Student priorities
  + Are our LEAs providing proper education resources?
  + Special Educators have tried to work with parents directly to make it work
  + There is a transition services documents for the current situation
    - Student led transition assessments
* Summer programming
  + Lots of discussion happening about next steps
  + Guidance from OCEP
  + Extended school services and compensatory school services are big areas of discussion
* If you have concerns or problems with the accessibility of the VT AOE website please email Kate.Connizzo@vermont.gov (webmaster)
* Transition assessments for students
  + https://education.vermont.gov/documents/implementing-transition-services-during-remote-learning

**Vermont Council of the Blind (Jerry)**

* Cancelled fall trip
* Holding virtual board meeting on May 8th

**LEAP Program (Kaelyn)**

* Doing weekly retreats via Zoom
  + Working on employability skills
* Weekly themes for lesson plans
  + Examples such as motivational speakers, business owners, etc.

**Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Fred)**

* Successful telecommuting shift
* June meeting
  + Doing so by phone
  + Rethink of how we would do this joint meeting
  + Focused on providers
  + Suggestions for demos by phone
    - VABVI provided daily living aids
      * Bring in rehab teachers
      * Bring in mobility instructors
    - DBVI
      * Get to work, skill building
      * Overview of specialized services (Technology for example)
    - Half an hour, 4 different stations
    - Presentations
      * How are people doing their job using assistive technology
      * How are students adapting
      * Using real world examples
    - Will need to reach out to partner agencies
    - Continue monthly calls
* Fall meeting
  + Would pull consumers together
  + An opportunity for telework that hasn’t been thought of before
* Needs Assessment
  + Using connection’s group for needs assessment
  + Ongoing checking in on needs
* Next steps
  + Put some together for SRC to review
  + Next meeting June 25th

**Parking Lot**

* Ideas for different virtual meetings
  + Microsoft Teams
* Executive call in May
* PALS group and LEAP students working together
* Connection’s Call- send info on Thursday