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### December 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2015 Agenda

Crowne Plaza at 4402 E. Washington Ave, Madison 53704  
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December 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM: Chair Douglas Tikkanen:

Attending: Lee Young, Troy Hergert, Janet Lee, Frank Lopez, Jeff Peil, Doug Tikkanen, Tom Langham, and Curtis Cunningham.

Call the meeting to order, Take attendance: Introduce new member Jeff Alan Peil and provide brief biography of each SCOB member.

9:45 AM: Guest Speaker Curtis Cunningham.

- Curtis is Deputy Division Administrator, Division of Long Term Care, Department of Health Services
- Curtis will discuss how his role interacts with SCOB regarding appointments to the SCOB.
  - Discuss options regarding potential changes in our internal recruitment process
    - Current members seeking 2<sup>nd</sup> Term reappointment to Council
    - New members seeking appointment to Council
    - Review Family Care act and how this might impact the Blind/VI community.
- Bring up any other DHS type recommendations SCOB may have for Curtis.

10:30 AM:

Discussion regarding following items; Executive, Recruitment, Employment, Transportation, PR and IA committee's actions.

Approve minutes of:

**Motion made to approve Septembers meeting minutes.**

**Motion Seconded**

**Discussion:**

**Motion passed by unanimous decision.**

Executive, PR, BEP, Transportation, and Employment Committee meetings.

- A. Recruitment: Current status, candidates process changes, Bylaws review regarding membership.
  - a. Motion made by Troy to remove Recruitment Committee roles back to Executive Committee.
  - b. From here on out Executive Committee will take on responsibilities of the Recruitment Committee.
- B. Employment:
  - Proposed changes to legislations tied to SSDI and employment.
  - Latest results of vendors to DVR
    - Results of BEP recommendations
    - Results from 2013 DVR Recommendations for focused councilors
    - Actions to pursue to improve employment through DVR
  - Legislation to move Disability Owned Business's into the preferred vendor list for the State of Wisconsin purchasing process.
- C. Transportation:
  - Current options the blind/visually impaired have across the state
  - What are other potentials that need reimbursement authorizations
  - Approach legislation allowing testing of automated vehicles in Wisconsin

- D. PR and IA:
- Changes on our current web page
    - Correction of pages
    - Update of membership.
    - Documentation of our recommendations
  - Validation of links we publish
  - Changes to our layout and design to improve awareness of our SCOB

**Motion PR Committee recommended changes to the Web pages directly to Tom, cc:SCOB without SCOB full vote or approval.**

**Made By Frank, Second by Lee,**

**All those in favor: Motion passed by unanimous decision.**

- Legislative Committee update Jo Grove:
- BEP no update at this time.

12:00 Lunch Break 45 minutes

12:45 pm Public Comment

Bylaws annual review and recommendations for any changes or updates:

- Modify ByLaws regarding reappointment process for 2<sup>nd</sup> term individuals
  - Membership terms shall be three (3) years beginning July 1. Members may serve three (3) consecutive terms for a total of nine (9) years. A minimum of one (1) year must elapse prior to reapplication. Terms are staggered so that not all members of the Statutory Council on Blindness are up for appointment or reappointment in any one year.

**Janet makes a motion to change this membership term in the bylaws.**

**Lee Seconds the motion.**

**5 voted yes 2 voted no. Motion Passes.**

Public Comment: Kent Walser Randolph Sheppard Vendors of Wisconsin.

BEP program.

Actively seeking blind individuals in the program.

Non DVR consumers.

Business plan

Vending Training

Internship

Location.

[www.wivending.com](http://www.wivending.com)

Fox Valley, Metro Milwaukee, Madison, Wausau and other rural areas.

Frank left early returning tomorrow.

Discuss and define the relationship between SCOB and OBVI

Recruitment

30 day follow up of submittal to examine info.

Recruitment through Tom

Administration of Hotel Accommodations

**Motion made to Adjourn by Lee, Seconded by Jo.**

**Motion voted on all Ayes Motion passes (Frank no present to vote)**

2:30 Adjourn.

Day 2 December 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Chair Douglas Tikkanen:

Call the meeting to order, Take attendance:

Jo, Lee, Janet, Troy, Frank, Jeff, Doug, and Tom Pilot (Guide Dog), (Guide dog Nolan).

9:30 AM Meeting with Linda Vegoe

- Linda can provide information regarding CAP, how to interact with our state government and respond to questions we have regarding changes we might see necessary within the State that the CAP program can assist us with.
- VR business in the future and citizens in Wisconsin. CAP program requires Rehab council reviewing reports data, makes recommendations.
- WIOA. April 2016 see the information review carefully.
- 17000 right now. 15% must be spent on only high school students. 39000 potentials all who fall into the group and will not be any room for actual adults in DVR services.
  - Tammy Baldwin is one who we could reach out for support. VR is not thinking well when choosing what to cover. DVR has to use same account measures as Job Center.
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10:30 am Meeting with WCBVI Gary Goyke

- Gary will provide information regarding Legislation actions
- DHS support for more staff higher pay.
  - Nasty vile political environment now. Hate is a motivator more than anything else.
- DPI Support
  - Independent nonpartisan School superintendent. Operation of school for blind in Janseville. Etc.
    - Many libraries and books through Able.
- Transportation
  - Uber driverless car. Train is an important issue.
- Definition of a Service Animal dog or small horse.
  - Stephen Naas R from Lacrosse. Bill Drafts without a number.

Legislative Study on the Business Enterprize program. Legislative Council comprised of 21 top legislatures. Leadership and Tender. Special Study Committee. Allocate ¼ million dollars. Committee introduces a bill. SCOB will follow this and if/when it come to fruition attempt to get a member of SCOB into the committee to study the BEP program.

12:00 Break for Lunch (45 Min)

12:45 PM Review information from all speakers and discuss next steps within each area.

12:20 PM Complete any open discussions from Day 1.

Obtain updates from:

12:30 Wisconsin Council on Blindness: Jo Grove

These updates from WCOB will now come from Frank who is a current member.

12:45 Governors Committee: Lee Young

Trying to get their own budget. Looking for 1 full time, 1 part-time people. Promise program (Grant), MAPP program, Updates from us on RSVW Contract bid, bring back knowledge of what. 8 Recommendations we did submit.

1:15 OBVI: Thomas Langham

Discuss ECBV invite to attend bi monthly meetings and potentially assist understanding of our recommendations.

**Troy makes a motion to support the bill to study the of BEP Program.**

**Lee seconded the motion.**

**All in favor no opposed**

**Motion passes**

Jo and Legislative committee to create the letter.

**Jo makes motion to support Service animal bill**

**Lee Seconded.**

**Discussion: Troy wanted clarification of small horse.**

**All in favor: Motion passes**

SCOB Membership:

Review applicant status and next steps in this process.

No approval yet 90 day estimate from our submittal until Secretary Approval.

December a slow month to get anything accomplished by the State. Many people on vacation.

Generate a larger plan of recruitment

PR Committee to generate a promo letter to promote value of being a member of SCOB.

- Couple of current SCOB members terms end in June of 2016.
- Review current committee's and membership
  - Janet, Lee and Jo should present their interest with resume by the end of Jan in order to make sure they are approved by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

SCOB Budget:

Review and provide budgetary estimation for annual SCOB events, meetings etc.

Each person to submit their estimate to Tom

Begin legislative initiative review estimate cost for materials.

Create one sheet document with our promo and items we are backing in legislation.

Jo discussed that WCOB may print that for us.

Deep discussion opposing views on what should be on the document.

Decided PR committee will generate the letter forward to all for consideration and see if WCOB will pay for printing of the materials.

Discuss invitation to meet with DVR Sensibility Team in May of 2016.

Frank, Jeff, Jo, Lee, Doug Indicated they would be interested in attending that meeting.

Plan of Action for 2016/2017.

- Support letters for Legislation to Study and Service legislation.
  - If the Legislative Committee initiative by Gary Goyke and Nash goes through to review BEP a SCOB member should try to join that investigation or support all possible avenues.
  - SCOB will provide all recommendations made to BEP and responses that we have received to this date in time.
- Create a plan for a Budget Request to Line item request for OBVI
  - Put this in place and seek budget
  - Seek Grant funding option.
- Meeting with ECBV for BEP updated recommendations
- Meeting with Sensibility Team
- Focus on improving Employment outcomes for the blind or visually impaired.
  - Review legislation regarding education initiatives and capabilities of accommodations.
  - Investigate issues of higher education.

- Meeting stretching beyond the 2:30 time frame: Jo had to leave first, Frank and Janet needed to leave 15 minutes later.
- Meeting continued with other business.
- Invite, Enid, Loretta, Terry Davis,

**Schedule next SCOB meeting:**

**Next SCOB meeting schedule via phone for March 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 or March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Look at making a change of the bylaws regarding election of officers.

Discussion to create bylaw statement indicating Election of Officers should be last item of business during the last meeting of the Fiscal year.

Schedule committee meetings.

Troy to schedule his, Doug to schedule his. Frank, Jo already gone from meeting.

**3:10 PM Adjourn:**

**Lee made motion to adjourn;**

**Troy seconded.**

**All say I.**

**Motion passed.**