

**State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022**

Members Present

Scott Lindbloom
Lisa Livesay
Melissa Wojtak

Members Absent

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Scott Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

Approval of October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Scott Lindbloom motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the October 25, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Lisa Livesay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Committee Member Updates

This item was tabled.

Full Council Agenda Discussion

Scott Lindbloom stated that Lisa Livesay and Melissa Wojtak were welcome to suggest any items be added to the Full Council agenda. Lisa Livesay stated the Program Review Committee received an update from Abel Young regarding the Transition Program, and she could provide a report about that as well as any updates from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Scott Lindbloom stated that he spoke to Colorado's Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), in which a carpenter would be building a business for individuals with disabilities to start their own business. Mr. Lindbloom stated

that Arizona could start a similar program. Scott Lindbloom noted the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program and SILC in Colorado worked the Chamber of Commerce, and suggested Arizona develop similar relationships. Lisa Livesay stated she would be interested to hear how VR worked with other states, and if there were any potential barriers to those relationships. Scott Lindbloom stated that SILC and VR in Colorado were able to work together, although the programs were separate in Arizona. Lisa Livesay stated the council could request some information from Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) regarding the current relationship with other states and agencies. Scott Lindbloom stated that David Carey was part of SILC, and could give updates on SILC, although he was unsure how VR could work with the Chamber of Commerce. Lisa Livesay agreed the council would benefit from an update regarding any potential relationships with other agencies or states and if RSA had any current plans for partnerships.

Lisa Livesay inquired whether RSA had a relationship with the Administration of other states. Scott Lindbloom stated that RSA would benefit from having a relationship with the Chamber of Commerce if RSA would be willing to pay for that membership. Lisa Livesay suggested the council inquire about any future plans for RSA, which the council could build off of. Ms. Livesay agreed that RSA would benefit from strengthening relationships with other agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce. Melissa Wojtak stated that her school district was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and inquired whether RSA was a member already. Scott Lindbloom stated he was unsure, although the council could request more information. Mr. Lindbloom noted that many individuals with disabilities struggled to obtain employment, and VR would benefit from working with other employers.

Lisa Livesay suggested the council also discuss council membership and the expectations of council members. Ms. Livesay stated the Executive Committee could also give an update regarding any open council representations. Scott Lindbloom agreed and noted that he would like to get a representative from the Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP) also to fill Jill Pleasant's position. Scott Lindbloom stated that Lisa Livesay would be welcome to run a Full Council meeting as the Vice Chair if she was interested. Lisa Livesay thanked Scott Lindbloom for that opportunity.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee is TBD.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

A call was made to the public with no response forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am