

Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
VRATE Workgroup Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2021

Members Present

Bea Shapiro, Chair
Bob Kresmer
Karla Rivas-Parker
Sue LeHew
Dr. Carlos Grandela

Members Absent

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Bea Shapiro, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

Approval of July 12 and August 4, 2021 VRATE Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Bob Kresmer motioned to table the agenda item and approve the July 12 and August 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Karla Rivas-Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VRATE Presentation Discussion

Bea Shapiro stated that Dr. Carlos Grandela is unable to access the PowerPoint that Sue LeHew modified as the presentation was in Google docs. Sue LeHew stated that she could add the PowerPoint to a flash drive and drop it off at Dr. Grandela's office. Dr. Carlos Grandela suggested Sue LeHew add the presentation to Dropbox or One Drive so that he could access it. Bea Shapiro stated that unfortunately, the committee members were not able to use Dropbox or One Drive on their work computers.

Sue LeHew brought up the PowerPoint presentation for the workgroup members to review. Bea Shapiro stated the presentation should include an

introductory slide with information regarding the GCBVI. Sue LeHew stated she could include the slide from the previous Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) presentation. Bea Shapiro stated the slide information was long, and suggested the workgroup discuss the slide briefly. Sue LeHew stated Dr. Carlos Grandela included a slide with the panel members, and the AT Committee members could be added to that slide. Bea Shapiro stated that Dr. Carlos Grandela would be the presenter, although the committee members could be mentioned. Sue LeHew inquired regarding the topics or focus on each presentation. Bea Shapiro stated that Karla Rivas-Parker had agreed to address employment and Independent Living (IL) during the second presentation. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated his understanding that the committee would use the information from his PowerPoint for the first presentation, and the second presentation would be incorporated as well. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he could remove information as needed to allow other members to present. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he already submitted the first presentation for credits, although he could merge both PowerPoints and resubmit. Sue LeHew stated that both presentations were great and included beneficial information. Ms. LeHew noted that Karla Rivas-Parker's presentation was also Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and IL related. Karla Rivas-Parker stated the presentation was focused on AT for visual impairments and was a 2-hour presentation. Sue LeHew suggested that Karla Rivas-Parker provide that presentation at the next year's VRATE. Sue LeHew inquired whether the presentation should include the list of resources in Karla Rivas-Parker's presentation. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that most credential groups preferred to avoid logos or pushing individuals towards certain brands. Sue LeHew stated that if individuals were interested in more resources, they could go to the VRATE website.

Dr. Carlos Grandela inquired regarding the information the workgroup would like added to the second presentation. He inquired whether the presentation should include information regarding pediatrics for example. Bea Shapiro stated the Transition counselors might be interested in the pediatric information. Bob Kresmer stated that Transition counselors worked with students 14 and up. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated he could discuss the pediatric information briefly or remove if necessary. Sue LeHew suggested the information be focused on students 14 and older. Sue LeHew inquired whether the information from the second presentation would be added to the first presentation. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he had not merged the presentations, although he could do so. Bea Shapiro stated that she preferred the second presentation include information regarding how to read the eye chart. Ms. LeHew suggested the presentation include employment examples to tie the information into employment.

Bob Kresmer inquired regarding the time of Dr. Carlos Grandela's second

presentation. Dr. Grandela stated that he could provide his presentation as fast or slow as needed. Bea Shapiro stated that Dr. Carlos Grandela should provide the information so that ophthalmologists and counselors could both understand the information. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that workgroup members could also jump in and provide examples as well. Bea Shapiro noted the presentations would be recorded and the workgroup members could interact with each other during the presentation. Sue LeHew inquired whether the presentations could include videos. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated that he could include pictures and describe them. Bob Kresmer inquired whether the committee would have 10-15 minutes to answer questions after the presentation. Bea Shapiro stated the pre-recorded presentations would be 60 minutes and the presenters would have 15 minutes to answer questions after the presentations. Dr. Carlos Grandela stated he would incorporate the information into the second presentation, and then he could submit the presentation for accreditation approval. Bea Shapiro stated that she would submit the presentation summaries to Dan Martinez as soon as the workgroup had developed the presentations.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the VRATE Workgroup will be determined. Agenda items are as follows:

- VRATE Presentation Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment of Meeting

Bob Kresmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karla Rivas-Parker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.