**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. | WelcomeAny 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