

## Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

### MINUTES

September 11, 2008

Suggs & Kelly Law Complex

500 Taylor Street

Columbia, SC 29202

#### **Present:**

Scott Falcone-South Carolina School for the Deaf & Blind

Catherine Bishop Vincent- Disability Action Center/Project Hope

Sandy Bostick-SC Employment Securities Commission

Connie Lucius-Mayor's Office

Joan Sanford-Dept of Disabilities & Special Needs

Britni Hartis-Mental Health America of SC

Maris Burton

Marge Butler-CAP

Diane Frazier-SC Commission for the Blind

Angela Jacildone- National MS Society

Mary Richardson-V.A. Hospital

Ursula Canon-SC Dept of Mental Health

**Call to Order/Introductions** Sandy Bostick, Chairperson. Meeting began at 11:05 am.

**Minutes** Britni Hartis, Secretary. Connie made motion to approve the minutes, Diane seconded the motion, all approved.

**Treasury Report** Connie Lucius, Treasurer We have \$7,953.41 on hand. Funds spent last month include the application for the state fair booth at \$50.00, \$32.99 for refreshments from Bi-Lo, and \$610 for Booth at state fair.

**Guest Speaker** Mary Richardson, MA, LPC-1, Compensate Work Therapy, Social Science Specialist, V.A. Medical Center

Compensated work therapy allows veterans to work with the hospital and other community organizations to learn job skills. They ensure all veterans who wish to improve their lives have access to counseling or therapy. The companies that participate in the program pay no employee benefits. The only additional cost beyond the salary of the employee is \$1 for administrative cost. After 90 days the employer could hire the employee full time.

#### **Committee Reports**

**State Fair 2008**- Fair calendar is full. Setup should be complete by 10 am. Catherine will send email with specific instructions. Exhibitors will have to pay to get into the fair, but agencies can sign up if MCEPD needs to cover admission fee. Purchasing a presentation board was discussed. Catherine researched a few boards and found one for \$195 plus cost of graphic. The company can design the board for the committee. \$275.00 for a Displays Unlimited board and \$150.00 for the carrying bag. Designer charges \$8.50/square feet for designing. Maris made a motion for Catherine to purchase a display board, Joan seconded the motion and all agreed.

**Accessibility Survey**- Angela will email Maris the MS accessibility survey and details will be discussed in October.

**Employment Expo**- Sandy has spoken with Mike Williams about the committee being involved. The event is held twice a year and we will participate in December. Scott wanted to know if we would be able to have a presentation on disabilities. Catherine will talk to Mike about this and a table location.

**Announcements** Catherine will email out a roster of MCEPD members. The following activities were announced:

School for the Deaf & the Blind Event

Spartanburg, SC

September 17, 2008 2:00 - 5:00 p. m.

Talking voting machines will be present

For more info, contact Scott Falcone at 803-896-9717.

2008 Carolinas Consortium for Multiple Sclerosis  
Saturday, November 1, 2008 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
The Blake Hotel

555 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC 28204

Please contact Angela Jacildone at 803-799-2227 or [angela.jacildone@nmss.org](mailto:angela.jacildone@nmss.org)  
before October 3, 2008 if you are interested in exhibiting.

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm. The next meeting will be held October 9, 2008 at the Suggs & Kelly Law Complex at 11:00 AM. For any questions contact Sandy Bostick at (803) 737-0193.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Britni Hartis, Secretary