

THE WORK SHEET

Employment happenings in Utah for our peeps.

The Employment Partnership results in agencies collaborating and coordinating their policies, resources, services, and training to more effectively serve individuals with disabilities to achieve their employment goals.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALONG THE WASATCH FRONT AND BEYOND!!

Mary Guy-Sell, mobility coordinator for the Wasatch Front Regional Coordination Council (WFRCC) brought information about transportation in UT and beyond. WFRCC represents 60+ agencies and AOG's. Mary works part-time in the same position in Tooele and Mountainlands. She es-

entially covers five counties: Salt Lake, Tooele, Weber, Davis, & and Morgan. Mary's work aids people who are "travel disadvantaged" including disabled, elderly, veterans and individuals in lower socioeconomic circumstances. Her work involves continually identifying needs, resources

and solutions. Solutions are primarily based in technology and innovative services. Carol's minutes provide all the nitty gritty details—a must read on your end of summer list!!!

For more information contact Mary Guy-Sell at mguy-sell@wfrcc.org

Partnerships in Employment Systems Change

A grant that would again partner PARC and NISH was submitted on August 15th. PARC currently has a grant with NISH that explores the "discovery process" with an individual to help determine their aptitude and interests for employment. The new

grant applies the same model for transition aged youth with potential additional incentives to employers. Ken expressed thanks and appreciation to all the partners who supported this current application. They should hear about the grant award by September 30.

UPDATES

Employment First Priority Work Group has a completed state plan, signed by the three agency directors!

Mental Health Work Group is headed to San Juan Counseling and Navajo Health Services in October.

The UDDC will celebrate their

40th anniversary on 9/20 with day and evening events at Thanksgiving point. Go to www.peoplefirstutah.org for details.

National Rehabilitation Assoc. will hold its annual conference in SLC 10/14 to 10/16. NRA would love donations—contact Leah if you can help.

Housing First is a 10 year plan

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities is "laying the ground work" for the session in January. Now is the BEST TIME to contact your legislators. February 2, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. is the annual LCPD reception - Plan now to be there.

to solve homelessness. Now there is an initiative at Palmer Court partnering VR, DWS and VMH for Housing First, Employment Next. Contact Mary Flynn at Road Home.

See "Lives Worth Living" a PBS special 10/27 at 10 p.m. This chronicles the story of people with disabilities and civil rights since the early 1960's.

EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERS: In case you wondered...

- Individuals with disabilities
- Parents and Advocates
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
- USOR Employer Relations
- USOR Benefits Planning
- Department of Workforce Services
- Utah State Office of Education, Special Education
- Division of Services for People with Disabilities
- Division of Medicaid and Health Financing
- Utah Independent Living Council
- Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Division of Community and Family Health Services
- Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Easter Seals
- Utah Parent Center
- Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
- Utah Association of Community Services
- UBET/Chamber of Commerce
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
- USU Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
- Work Ability Utah

EVENTS . . . AND THERE ARE MANY

9/13 Employer Workshop Leah and Sharon

9/28 and 9/29 Rocky Mountain Conference on Access and Functional Needs—Rich Foster

10/4 Nuts and Bolts of Social Security Disability & Nuts and Bolts of Social Security Work Incentives—Esther Medina

10/7 Golden Key Awards—Leslee Hintze

10/11 Work Ability Job and Career Preparation Fair—Leah and Sharon

10/11 WISE Seminar, Taylorsville—Lloyd Laws

10/13 Brain Injury Assoc. of Utah Conference

10/18 Customized Employment—Tricia Jones Parkin

10/27 Putting the Pieces of the

Puzzle Together—Carol Ruddell

Email Carol with any additional events and check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events, www.workabilityutah.org.

Next Employment Partnership meeting, Oct. 6, 2011. Location TBA

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