



# 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.*

## CITIES & CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Michael Stott, the ADA Coordinator for Salt Lake City shared with us the approach SLC has implemented to try to understand the needs of individuals with disabilities. SLC has an Accessibility Services Advisory Council (ASAC) that includes citizens with disabilities and community advo-

cates. The ASAC meets monthly and has five focus areas; evaluation of SLC Government, Business/ Employment, Housing/ Developments, Transportation and Policy Watch Group. They have joined the Chamber in their efforts toward disability friendly business

practices. Michael indicated that each city should have someone assigned to address ADA issues, however, Carol's recent research showed otherwise with few cities having an assigned ADA contact person. For more information about SLC's ASAC contact: Michael.stott@slcgov.com

## LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

**The Good**—The legislative session was reported as more pleasant than usual, particularly for individuals with disabilities and the agencies that serve them. Agencies were **not** asked to begin the session by making cuts—a positive change from last year.

**The Bad**—Several friends of individuals with disabilities are retiring or leaving the legislature this year. It will be **VERY** important to meet the new legislators and “tell your stories”.

The Utah Compact passed the session. This seeks to set Utah

apart from the Federal Government and does include block grants for health care. Etc. There is a sense in the legislature that Utah can provide better services, more efficiently, free of federal mandates. For more details from the session go to [www.lcpdut.org](http://www.lcpdut.org)

## BRIEF UPDATES

Up-to-date contact information for the **Medicaid Breach** [www.health.utah.gov/databr](http://www.health.utah.gov/databr) each or 1-855-238-3339

Valley Mental Health—Tooele is now and Employment Network!!

Representative Ronda Menlove was nominated for

the Ancor Foundation “Community Builder” award.

Leslee Hintzee and the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities in the 3/9/12 Ogden Standard Examiner <http://www.standard.net>

Congress did not fund WIPA

past 6/30/12. Don Uchida will fund the 1.5 position for Benefits Planning. National training and certification will be lost and there will be impact to the PABSS program at DLC.

Learn the Signs! Act Early! <http://health.utah.gov/utahact> early

## 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* 4/19-20 USOE Statewide Transition Conference in Davis County
- \* 4/26 Medicaid Autism Waiver informational meeting 1-3 p.m. at Multi-Agency State Office Bldg.
- \* 5/3 Heroes on the Hill Luncheon RSVP to [trouse@usilc.org](mailto:trouse@usilc.org)
- \* 5/3-4 UPC Mini-Transition Conference
- \* 5/4 WEN and Business Breakfast
- \* 5/4-5/5 First Lady's Parenting Conference & Expo at the Salt Palace
- \* 5/31-6/1 DSPD Conference with UACS
- \* Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell. Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events [www.workabilityutah.org](http://www.workabilityutah.org).
- \* **Next Employment Partnership meeting, June 7 2012.**

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