

Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia  
Services to Individuals with Disabilities  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m.  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
Rome, Georgia

**Summary**

***Disabilities Committee Members Present:***

Shelia Callaway  
Melissa Freeman  
Loraine Green  
Kim Linek  
Sheila Parker  
Paul Ray  
Maia Santamaria  
Paul Workman

***Disabilities Committee Members Absent:***

Johnathon Cook  
Scott Jackson  
Rita Lawler

***Guests and Staff Present:***

Chris Holcombe  
Lesia Lambert  
Terri Morgan

Paul Ray welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. Mr. Ray asked those present to introduce themselves.

It was determined that a quorum was present. Mr. Ray asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 meeting. Loraine Green made the motion to accept. Shelia Callaway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Goals and Objectives were discussed with Mr. Ray stating that the ADA monitoring was still in progress. Melissa Freeman stated that guidance was expected soon regarding compliance monitoring. Lesia Lambert informed those present that NWGRC staff had monitored the Rome Comprehensive One-Stop for certification of the One-Stop under WIOA guidelines. Maia Santamaria also noted that her staff could provide assistance in monitoring the Comprehensive and Affiliate One-Stop Centers for ADA compliance. Paul Ray agreed to work with Lisa Adkisson to compose a letter to send to the One-Stop Centers regarding the NWGA Center for Independent Living providing monitoring. Additionally, Ms.

Santamaria and staff can provide assistance with making sure that the One-Stop Centers are also “user-friendly” as well as ensuring that documents and materials are useable and accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Lambert asked the Committee for their assistance in making sure that Veterans, a group with priority of service, were being served. Mr. Ray noted that Vocational Rehabilitation does market to Veterans. There was discussion regarding a Veterans hiring event in November in conjunction with Veterans Day.

Ms. Santamaria informed the Committee that an employment-focused peer group would be hosted at the NWGA Center for Independent Living office in Rome for current and new consumers.

The next Committee Meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.