

MINUTES

Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) Board
Disability Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Location: Black Family Development, 2995 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit
Facilitating: Gwen McNeal, Chair

Council Members Present: Verna Brocks, Shawn Burch, Gwen McNeal
Council Members Absent: Richard Carson Lena Barkley, Byron Carter, Aurora Harris, Jayna Jamerson, Patricia Little, George Parris, Felecia Simpson, Ammiel Thomas, Kenyetta Walker, Jannette Howard, Tracey Miree, Felecia Simpson, Jon Waller, Delora Williams, Andrea Tolle
Guests: Paula Green-Smith, Urban Health Resources; Angela Hamilton/Microworks; Nonzwakazi Hill/YDC; Daedra A. McGhee/United States Department of Justice; Mike Trogan/Youth Development Commission (YDC)
Staff Present: Kristin Bailey, L'Tanya Clegg, Lester Gayden, Stephanie Nixon, Lynne Scully, Robin Johnston

The meeting of Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation Board Disability Advisory Council was called to order at 8:47 a.m. by Ms. Gwen McNeal, Chair. Chair McNeal welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the host for offering the facility for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA DECEMBER 17TH & DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2013

Due to the lack of a quorum, there was no approval of the draft agenda and draft minutes.

DESC WEBSITE REVIEW

Mr. Tim Hinkle, Digital Media Producer, Mort Crim Communications, explained that DESC's website launched on Thursday, December 12, 2013. Mr. Hinkle reminded members that a focus has been placed on accessibility so that persons with disabilities can navigate the site. He then took a few moments to review the site and allowed time for questions.

IMPACT OF DIASBILITIES ON YOUTH CRIME

Ms. Annie Ellington, Director, Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, thanked the Council for inviting her and shared data about youth violence and the impact of that data on the community. She believes that there is a lot of work that needs to be done in order to ensure that youth in the city feel safe, particularly when they travel to and from school. Detroit youth are exposed to significant amounts of violence and if the issue of violence is not addressed, youth can suffer from mental health issues. She also discussed the physically disabling factors that stem from violence.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Member Verna Brocks shared information about a town hall meeting held by the National PTA and the Detroit Council PTA regarding Serving Families of Children with Special Needs which took place on Monday, December 2, 2013 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Disability Advisory Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by: L'Tanya Clegg