

WISCONSIN DISABILITY PROGRAM
NAVIGATORS

DPN Conference Call

Monday, October 29, 2007

1:00 – 2:15 PM

Facilitated by Theresa Kulow

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Attendance:** Alex Annoye, Chad Austin, D.J. Blum, Patty Branton, Jane Budde, Marci Hayden-Barr, Randi Johnson, Steve Johnson, Theresa Kulow, Tammy Liddicoat, Julia McLester, John Nedden Durst, Glenn Olsen, John Peters, Danna Rhinehart, Hugh Swanson.
2. **October Disability Employment Awareness Month:** Following this summary is a list of Navigator activities for the month. Theresa will share the final summary with DOL/SSA.
3. **Employer Events/ADA Trainings:** Around 38 employers/service providers attended the ADA training presented by Alan Goldstein of the ADA Illinois Partnership. Danna, D.J. and Chad noted positive responses were received and Alan was a knowledgeable and interactive presenter. It would be helpful in future trainings to have someone with knowledge of Wisconsin law present as Alan was mostly familiar with Federal law or Illinois state laws. Steve Johnson is still working in his area on a tri-state collaborative training. The event may not happen until early 2008.
4. **General Program Updates/Quarterly Reporting:** Glenn reminded all Navigators to be sure to submit their quarterly reports by the 15th of the month following quarter end. Also, noting success stories is a great way to promote the contributions Wisconsin is making to the Navigator project. Sharing our state contributions may become even more important as funding levels decrease in the future. Indications predict that not all state projects may be funded in coming years. Glenn also stressed our goal of focusing on Employer Awareness Events. Some additional dollars are available this fiscal period to host these types of events or to fund other ideas. Submit your event/project ideas to Glenn.
5. **WDBN Benefit Specialist Basic Training Review:** The Navigators who attended the training found the training was a good refresher in some areas, helpful and informative about work incentives, and recommended these portions be used to put together a more Navigator specific training in 2008.
6. **Navigator Quarterly Meeting:** The next quarterly meeting will be on November 28 in Madison at ERI. Theresa plans to send out an assistive technology survey for Navigators to indicate their interest in this topic. The meeting will also focus on Navigator goals and priorities for 2008. All Navigators are required to attend these meetings.

7. **Navigator Statewide Project Coordinator Position:** ERI has created a new position that will be partially funded by the Navigator Project, the ADA DBTAC Project, and ERI. This position will work with Navigators coordinate events, facilitate meetings and provide training and outreach to various audiences including disability professionals and employers. This position can be located anywhere in Wisconsin and statewide travel is required.

8. Other:

- Navigator Brochures are printed. Copies will be mailed to Navigators who have not received some already.
- The Navigators approved keeping the monthly conference calls for 2008 on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The final schedule will be approved at the November quarterly meeting.
- Glenn will soon begin to put the teams together for the WIA Accessibility Checklist Training. The process was temporarily on hold as things settled down at DWD. The process will include a Mystery Shopper component.
- The EN/Ticket to Work Project continues to move forward. Materials encouraging WDAs to become networks are in the works. Presentation topics will include a Why You Should Become a Network component and a How to Become a Network Component. Navigator role could include outreach.
- The WIRED Grant funding was approved for South Central WDA.

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Wisconsin Navigator	October Employment Disability Awareness Month Activities
Marci Hayden-Barr Southeast WDA P: 262-741-5263 mbarr@kaisergroup.com	
Hugh Swanson Southeast WDA P: 262-697-4578 hswanson@co.kenosha.wi.us	In the Kenosha area, Hugh Swanson held a first annual Disability Mentoring Day with 6 mentees and 5 mentors participating. All participants appreciated the opportunity.
Laura Terry Southeast WDA P: 262-638-6499 Laura.Terry@GoRacine.org	
Danna Rhinehart Milwaukee WDA P: 414-270-1705 C: 414 -333-7410 Drhineha@milwjobs.com D.J. Blum WOW WDA P: 262-695-7884 djblum@wctc.edu Chad Austin TANF P: 414-270-7547 C: 414-430-3105 caustin@milwjobs.com	These navigators partnered to hold an ADA Hot Topics presentation for employers. Around 38 employers/service providers participated. D.J. distributed materials from the Spinal Association on disability etiquette with a pop quiz included. Individuals who returned the quiz received a bracelet.
Alex Annoye Fox Valley WDA P: 920-232-6271 C: 920) 410-0702 alex.annoye@workforceeconomics.org	Collaborated with local Work and Planning Committee to create a panel including local DVR, ARC, Cerebral Palsy and Navigator to address topics such as community employment, ADA Hidden Disabilities and other topics. Between 25 to 40 service providers participated.
Patty Branton Bay Area WDA P: 920- 448-7217 pbranton@newcurative.org	Provided materials, training and presentations at area job centers to educate one-stop staff about disability related issues and employment.
John Peters North Central WDA (715) 389-7023 Phone (715) 389-2864 Fax jpeters@wctc.net	

<p>John Nedden Durst Northwest WDA P: 715-682-5676 x 1 v/tty nciljnd@superior-nfp.org</p>	<p>In John's area, a video was created an Employing people with disabilities which included employer interviews and perspectives. In partnership with Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, held open houses at all the area job centers. The open houses focused on job seekers and included invites to other area service providers.</p>
<p>Randi Johnson West Central WDA P: 715-858-9671 C: 715-210-0404 johnson@workforceresource.org</p>	
<p>Steven Johnson Western WDA P: 608-785-1443 steve.johnson@ilresources.org</p>	<p>Held a Windmills Training incorporating the calendar game with over 20 attendees. This training was highly received.</p> <p>The Business Services Committee had ORC, an area CRP with a new expanded commercial division, as the Business Spotlight of the month. They are currently in the hiring process for a number of new positions as they will bring these persons on-board starting this month and throughout December.</p> <p>Western Technical College had 10 individuals from foreign cities including Moscow visit La Crosse to focus on how we here in the U.S. deliver services to persons with disabilities. Our agency was able to meet with the delegates on Wednesday, and it was an amazing experience. I was able to briefly able to explain what I do in my position, and it was quite interesting to see that they are at least 30-35 years behind where with providing services to persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities have few rights, face institutionalization, and have few opportunities to work in integrated community settings. They have one ILC in Moscow which is at the basic grassroots level of development.</p>
<p>Jane Budde South Central WDA P: 920-887-4279 jbudde@eata.org</p>	<p>Organized a luncheon with the Mayor at Green Valley Enterprises. Green Valley serves people of all ages with special needs. The program assists individuals and families to achieve greater personal independence, work readiness training, enhancing work and social relations and community job placements.</p>
<p>Mike Muthig Southwest WDA P: 608-741-3564 C: 608-921-4085 m.muthig@jobcenter.org</p>	
<p>Julia McLester Native American P: 715-588-3324 ext. 117 jmclester@glitc.org</p>	<p>Presented disability related information to the tribal elders.</p>
<p>Karl Thoj Hmong Association P; 715-261-7717 kthoj@wausauhmong.org</p>	