



FLORIDA TALENT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Group 5: Equity and Access

Thursday, November 7, 2019

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Roll Call

Members Present:

Michelle Dennard, Workgroup Chair
Nicole Washington

Emily Sikes

Dr. Carrie Henderson

Others Present:

- Julie Kates

Department of Economic Opportunity Support Staff Present:

- Katherine Morrison
- Nicole Duque
- Monica Rutkowski

Introduction: Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

- Katherine Morrison called roll.
- Michelle Dennard provided opening remarks and reviewed the meeting agenda.
- Workgroup members approved the October 31, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Presentations

- Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor, State University System, presented on equity and access in the State University System.
- Julie Kates, Deputy Director, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, presented on services and goals of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Blind Services in the Department of Education.

Additional resources:

- <http://www.rehabworks.org/programs.shtml>
- <http://dbs.myflorida.com/Information/index.html>

Discussion

- Discussion regarding Julie Kates' presentation:
 - Labor participation rates for individuals with disabilities.
 - Tuition assistance to students for post-secondary credentials.
 - How to best serve students with disabilities that want to attend post-secondary institutions, specifically ICUF (Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida).
- Reviewed modifications/updates to the following workplan strategies:
 - EA 1.3
 - EA 2.1
 - EA 3.1

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- EA 4.1
- EA 4.2

Next Steps

- Bob O’Leary of ICUF is going to reach out to their institutions to see how many of them engage with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- The workgroup approved their workplan as complete to submit to the full Talent Development Council for edits and feedback.
- The workgroup’s November 14, 2019 meeting will be cancelled due to the completion of the workplan draft.

Public Comment

Michelle Dennard opened for public comment. No members of the public commented on the call.

Closing

Michelle Dennard provided closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned.