**SRC-DVR[[1]](#footnote-1) Minutes**

**Date & Time:** November 16th 2020, 1pm – 3pm

**Location:** Department Of Labor, 45 Commerce Dr., Augusta Maine, Francis Perkins Room

**Attendance Key: P = Present, E = Absent (Excused), A = Absent (Unexcused), TEL = Telephone**

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| **Council Members[[2]](#footnote-2)** | | | | | |
| **P** | Kelly Osborn, *Chair* | **P** | Mary Adley |  |  |
| **P** | Jodie Hall, *Vice Chair* | **P** | Darcy Gentle |  |  |
| **P** | Cheryl Peabody, *Treas* |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Wes Uhlman\* |  |  |  |  |
| **E** | Libby Stone-Sterling\* |  |  |  |  |
| **E** | Suzanne Primiano\* |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Josh Howe |  |  |  |  |

**Guests:** Foxfire Buck, Samantha Fenderson, Jennifer Kimble, Peaches Bass, Patricia Ngara

**Recorder:** Branden Densmore **Next Meeting:** January 25th 2021 **Minutes Approved: Yes!**

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action** | **Responsible** |
| **Introductions** | Meeting was called to order at 1:19 pm. Members and guests were welcomed. Introductions were given. | NA | NA |
| **Acceptance Of Minutes** | The October draft minutes were discussed, and corrections were identified.  The October draft minutes were then **accepted as corrected.** | *Correct October draft minutes and send to webmaster.*  *Create draft November minutes and send to Kelly & Cheryl.*  *Distribute draft November minutes to SRC members.* | Branden Densmore  Branden Densmore  Kelly Osborn |
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| **How VR[[3]](#footnote-3) Helped Someone** | Staff working with client from High Hopes Clubhouse on developing soft skills and self-esteem.  This client really wanted to work with animals. They worked a few odd jobs, and eventually got a job at the humane society. The client loves their job, and will be successfully closing their case after some job coaching. | *Gather more How VR Helped Someone Stories.* | Any DVR Staff Member |
| **DRM/CAP[[4]](#footnote-4) Update** | DRM hired new staff member today to be a CAP advocate. She started today, and will be introduced to the council soon.  Foxfire will be supervising her activities. | NONE | NONE |
| **New Business** | ***Membership:*** Excitement was expressed over newly appointed members. Also is good to have held election of officers. However, the council needs more members.   * Currently the SRC-DVR has fewer than half its seats filled * Need more people to represent individuals with disabilities * Legally the council needs a majority of individuals with disabilities | NONE | NONE |
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| **New Business** | The council continued to discuss the situation, and it was determined that more outreach in the disability and business arena is needed.  ***Committees:*** It was noted that SRC-DVR meeting times have changed from meeting every month to meeting only during odd months. This will be a good opportunity to get Committee work done during the off months when the council is not meeting. | *Brainstorm how to increase outreach to people with disabilities and in business.*  *Create and send out vacant seat list to council members.*  *Create committee reports that can be sent back from committee members for accountability purposes.* | Any Member  Kelly Osborn  Kelly Osborn |
| **Announcements** | Honorariums are being offered to members not otherwise compensated for attendance.  The next Council meeting will be on January 25th 2021 via. Zoom. | *Contact Cheryl to receive Honorarium.* | Any Member Not Compensated |
| **Public Comments** | Jennifer Kimble expressed interest in joining the council. | *Send Jen Kimble a council application so she can apply.* | Cheryl Peabody |
| **Adjournment** | The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm. | NA | NA |

**People & Organizations Represented**

**Cheryl Peabody – Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

**Jodie Hall – Maine Parent Federation (MPF)**

**Josh Howe – State Workforce Board**

**Libby Stone-Sterling – Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

**Mary Adley – Department Of Education (DOE)**

**Kelly Osborn – Goodwill Industries**

**Suzanne Primiano – Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

**Wes Uhlman – Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

**Foxfire Buck – Disability Rights Maine (DRM), Client Assistance Program (CAP)**

1. State Rehabilitation Council, Division Of Vocational Rehabilitation. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \*Indicates an Ex Officio non-voting member. See last page for list of organizations represented. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Vocational Rehabilitation [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Disability Rights Maine & Client Assistance Program [↑](#footnote-ref-4)