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

**Date & Time:** March 15th 2021, 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** | Cheryl Peabody, *Treas* |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Darcy Gentle |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Libby Stone-Sterling\* |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Suzanne Primiano\* |  |  |  |  |
| **P** | Josh Howe |  |  |  |  |

**Guests:** Peaches Bass, Nicholas Alexander, Julia Endicott, Wes Uhlman, Jenifer Kimble

**Recorder:** Branden Densmore **Next Meeting:** May 17th 2021 **Minutes Approved: YES**

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action** | **Responsible** |
| **Introductions** | Meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm. Members and guests were welcomed. Introductions were given. | NA | NA |
| **Acceptance Of Minutes** | The January 2021 draft minutes were discussed, and corrections were identified.  **A motion** **was made** and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. However, a quorum could not be established, and the **motion was tabled** for next meeting. | *Correct January 2021 draft minutes.*  *Create March 2021 draft minutes and send to Kelly & Cheryl.*  *Distribute March 2021 draft minutes to SRC-DVR members for review.* | Branden Densmore  Branden Densmore  Kelly Osborn |
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| **How VR Helped Someone** | VR started working with a mid-coast woman right before COVID started. She did a 60 hour career path training to discover possibilities of what she could do. An opportunity came up for her to work in childcare, a career she had been very interested in.  The process of getting a new plan was delayed, and it seemed as if the opportunity had expired, but then the opportunity came back and now she is walking kids to their car so their parent don’t have to go into school. | *Gather more How VR Helped Someone Stories.* | Any DVR Staff Member |
| **New Business** | *New Member*: Nicholas Alexander was introduced and welcomed to the SRC-DVR, as a potential new member.  *Recording*: The audio/video recording of meetings was discussed, and a general consensus was reached. The SRC-DVR decided to stop recording meetings.  *Membership*: The membership committee has been busy trying to fill 4 open seats. A new pamphlet was finalized, and they are working on a new member manual. | *Contact Webmaster about getting old meeting minutes.*  *Send new member manual to council when ready.* | Kelly Osborn  Kelly Osborn |
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| **Director Report** | *State Plan*: Draft revision of the State Plan Order Of Selection Process has been posted, and there will be a 30 day window for public comment, and then a response period after that before the Plan is opened and the rule change takes effect.  *Disability Innovation*: Maine is applying for a Disability Innovation Grant to help clients who are in entry level position think about career advancement. They are still debating whether to apply with a group of States or solo.  *Post Pandemic Planning*: Looking at the results of the survey and discussing recommendation by staff/clients on how best to move forward. | *Send link for public comment on Order Of Selection Process to council members.* | Libby Stone-Sterling |
| **Announcements** | Honorariums are being offered to members not otherwise compensated for attendance.  The next Council meeting will be on May 17th 2021 via. Zoom. | *Contact Cheryl to receive Honorarium.* | Any Member Not Compensated |
| **Public Comments** | Time was given for public comment, but none were forthcoming. | NONE | NONE |
| **Adjournment** | The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 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)