



Objective: Connect-Ability Employment Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: June 26, 2008

Meeting Place: Office of Protection and Advocacy

Attendees: Cathy Ludlum, Noreen Shugrue, Mary-Ann Langley, Susan Monteleone, Linda Guillorn, Kathy Blewett, Margarita Torres

Action Items:

Item		Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Provide feedback on eLearning toolkit via website (not link)	WGerkgroup	7/15	Complete
2.	Review website update schedule with website Team	Margarita	7/10	In Progress
3.	Suggested additional test questions to be included in the toolkit	WG	7/22	In Progress
4.	Janet Labrecht (sp?) phone number for Margarita to contact	Susan	7/10	In Progress
5.	Provide information on the NTAR conference	Susan	7/24	
6.	Access various internet "job application" sites to determine which ones are using assistive technologies	WG		In Progress
7.	Invite CT BLN members to a workgroup meeting to help us understand the various technologies being used to assist job applicants with physical and/or hidden disabilities	Reggie	7/24	In Progress
8.	Invite Mike Bartley to the 7/24 WG meeting	Linda	ASAP	In Progress
9.	Schedule "job application technologies" session for CT BLN	Reggie		

Employer eLearning Toolkit

- Margarita thanked the workgroup for ~~providing providing~~ [feedback to the toolkit design](#) prior to the Employment Summit.
- Cathy asked why the links from the toolkit are not working as designed. The information links that are available from the website as well as from the toolkit have been updated to include additional information to support the questions on the toolkit (test), and in a printable format as designed. These changes appear to function from the link sent to the workgroup, but not from the website itself.
- [The WG would also like to better understand if the website update schedule has changed, if there is a new schedule, when the website WG meets, and how we can help.](#)
- Margarita asked the workgroup to please review the toolkit from the website and email suggestions by 7/22. She will compile and present at the next WG meeting.
- The WG volunteered to submit more questions to be included in the [test portion of the module](#).
- ~~The WG would like to better understand how the update schedule has changed, if there is a new schedule, when the website WG meets, and how we can help.~~
- ING, Aetna, Pfizer, Deloitte and Travelers are all participating in a Pilot to review the toolkit for ease of use and value to their organizations. Each company has selected 20 employees from various departments and levels in the organization to review the toolkit. One contact from each company will collect the feedback and send to us by end of August. The toolkit will then be updated and "go live" with suggested changes. Any other company wishing to use the toolkit in it's "pilot form" can still do this and provide feedback on line.

On-line ~~resume bank~~ resume bank

- The WG agreed that a-neither the job or resume bank should not be created on the Connect-ability website for reasons of:
 - Lack of sustainability
 - Current and future maintenance
 - Duplication of other available sites (Disaboom, Monster)
- Linda suggested that Mike Bartley attend our next WG meeting and speak to us about how best to implement these concepts

Internships

- Discussion centered on the creation of a Youth-in-Transition Internship model for CT Employers. Susan mentioned that Susan Labrecht of the MassachusettsMassachusetts Commission for the Blind may be able to offer assistance. She will provide Margarita with Susan's number so that Margarita can call her.
- Patti and Margarita will also meet to draft an outline – considering both paid and unpaid internships for Youth – It should also include ideas regarding adult internships.

General

- Susan mentioned that she and Brenda will be attending the NTAR conference in August. She expects that there will be a lot of information to share with our group. I believe she mentioned that the three states involved are Minnesota, Maryland and Connecticut.
- Kathy discussed the continuing issue regarding the job application process. There are companies that are employing progressive technology methods to assist people with disabilities during the application process, and there are companies that either ignore the issue, or make it cumbersome to apply. The WG will be researching different employer websites to review sites that facilitate the job application process for people with disabilities. A suggestion was made to have this as a CT BLN topic during their next meeting
- The WG would also like a meeting schedule from the CT BLN.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th at 1pm.