

HIRE

Helping Incorporate Reliable Employees

May 20, 2008
10:30 am

H.I.R.E. (Helping Incorporate Reliable Employees)
Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kellie Tyndall (WTP), Jerry Pounds (VAS), Zaena Araneta (WTP), Curtis Jenkins (EDD), Kathy Winans (KCMH), Stacey Peyton (VAS), Jeff Woods (BARC), Steve Rogers (BARC), Norris Ledbetter (ILC), Paula Johnson (BARC, Chris Perier (Big Lots), Jacqueline Contreras (WTP), and Aaron Markovits (KRC)

Sign In Sheet/Contact List was distributed.

People Introduced themselves.

I Upcoming Activities

a. Luncheon Review

Comments about the location were positive. Speakers were excellent this time. Continue the format with a change in order of speakers possibly. Suggestion was made to have next luncheon in October which is National Disability and Employer Awareness Month. Consider giving awards for "Employer of the Year" to an employer(s) gone above and beyond expectations to support the employment for people with disabilities. There were about 5 employers present at the luncheon. Two have expressed interest in being involved in the HIRE Committee in the future.

II. Update on next Job Placement Circle.

- a. Job Ready Job Seekers should be referred by 5/23
- b. Employers include ManPower, AppleOne, Vallarta Market, New Advances for People with Disabilities, and Carl's Jr.

III. Update on Statewide Publicity Campaign:

Aaron provided an update on the "Talent Knows No Limits" publicity campaign. Aaron has discussed with the leaders of the campaign our ongoing interest in collaborating with them to promote local activities of the committee and community at large to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Currently, Aaron is working on negotiating with the Grantee how to implement short term measures to maintain momentum gained.

IV. Employer Recruitment:

Aaron asked if the committee would like to have another Employer Recruitment this October. Curtis indicated he is willing to help. Steve and Kathy are also willing to serve on the committee. Others will be asked to be involved again. One key issue this time, is a location. It will need to be decided by the committee quickly.

Next meeting will be announced. Kathy will check on a location to meet. Stacey will check on availability of her agency. Norris offered the ILC as a meeting place.