

Elected Committee of Blind Venders
(Open, Approved)

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2006, 1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Location: Gef # 1, Room A415
201 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI, 53702

Present: Members: Dan Sippl Chairman, Tom Jeray Vice-Chairman, John Fritz Secretary, Nick Seivert Treasure, Sally Zenchenko, Jeff Scott,

Staff: Joseph D'Costa, Greg Feypel, Jim Juran, Kent Walser, Scott McDonald

Guests: Sue Seivert

Meeting called to order at 1:39 P.M. by Chairman, Dan Sippl.

1:39 Introductions

1:40 Approval of Minutes
With some corrections.

1:41 Financial Report Update
Accounts with 0 balances will be deleted from future reports to save paper.

New Business

1:50 DOA Request for Self-Employed Individual to Serve On A Disadvantaged Business Committee

Joseph explained the benefits of the BEP operators being involve on this committee. The DOA advisory committee travel & meals will be reimbursed. Nick volunteered to serve.

Dan thanked Nick for his time and work on the committee.

1:57 DHFS Option Paper for Services to Blind and Visually Impaired

Joseph talked about the hearing and the technology the blind used to participate. One of the first speakers started by saying that the program was broke and fragmented and things needed to be fixed. This set the tone for the rest of the hearing. Joseph gave a brief history of the services over the last 35 years. He summarized the financial situation. Joseph suggests sending a letter to Helene Nelson to clarify the OVCI paper. He talked about the separate agency and how the finance may be split. Joseph suggests that a BEP operator be on the Statutory Council Committee on Blindness. Send letters to

the Governor, Senate & legislative leaders. Kent will be putting info on the website.

Nick Moved and Sally seconded to address and correct the errors in the DHFS Option Paper For Services To Blind And Visually Impaired paper and that a representative of the ECBV be apart of any future discussions of options. Motion passed unanimously with voice vote.

2:40 Trainee Operator Status
New operators are transitioning in to there own sites.

2:57 Volk Field
No activity until the end of the month. Communications has led to difficulty in scheduling operators.

3:01 Self Identification
Joseph is asking to be proactive in filling out this form. Jeff moved Nick second to fill out the self identification form to complete the RSA-15 report during the month of September. Motioned passed with a voice vote.

3:09 Inventory.
Joseph asked about providing the inventory list by June 30 for DWD. Both the staff and nominee agency agreed that it would be completed as soon as possible.

3:10 UW College bids.

Kent reported on and requested for input on responding to the college campus bid requests. After discuss of the involvement of the bid and very short amount of time to complete the general consensus is to evaluate each site on a case by case basis. Some discussion took place on hiring someone to be a site locator. No decision was made.

3:35 Cantalopes.

Kent reported on Wisconsin participating in the pilot program. This system is an add-on to the vending machine which uses cellular technology to relay status and error information which is collect and processed at a web site. The operator will be emailed, called or can log in to retrieve the information. Two operators will be selected with a total of 25 units to test. It was agreed that at least one operator would be using totally all blindness techniques to be able to evaluate the accessibility of the system.

Old Business

3:55 Cafeteria Profitability

Kent reported that many meetings are continuing to work out the sites. Working with the DMV and a canteen is close for the first one.

Tom talked about the income from the capitol dropping and his six month interim is up. He wants to know what path to take. Many options were talked about. He has gone to summer hours and menu items. He agreed to continue operating the site and trying different ideas.

Closed Session

Tom moved to adjourn, Nick seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fritz, Secretary ECBV