

Elected committee of Blind Venders ECBV
(open, approved)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 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, Sally Zenchenko, Jeff Scott, Brad Dunse (via telephone)

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

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 1:40 P.M. by Chairman, Dan Sippl.

1:30 Introductions

1:35 Approval of Minutes
Approved with spelling and word corrections, passed with voice-vote.

1:40 Financial Report Update
Kent submitted an update on invoices.

New Business

1:50 Update - Fort McCoy
Joseph reported on Leatora BCI and WMA transparent separate entities. They have separate payroll and identities. There seems to be some miscommunications with BCI management and Janet.

2:05 Update - Internship Sites
Mark Harris & Dick Waldburger are half way through mentoring and are doing well. They will plan to complete the mentoring May 2. There are a few small concerns. John Foulks with Arlene and Mark. They just started this week.

2:20 Update - Racine Prisons Transition
Mark Lyons is in phase one of three and is doing well.

2:35 Update - Cafeteria Profitability
Kent reported that he met with the cafeteria operators for two hours and talked about concerns. Met with building administrators. Capitol is doing well. February was 20% over projections.

2:45 Semi-Annual Meeting
April 21 at Wisconsin Rapids, Mead Hotel and Conference Center. Letter will be going out soon. Open forum for agenda, Joseph

suggested on nominating two operators for an award of achievement and advancement. The idea will be brought up at the April meeting, and if positive response occurs, implement it for the fall meeting.

Old Business

3:00 Volk Field Food Service
Joseph reported that BCI staff will work three rotations. It will be posted.

3:15 Business Support
Kent suggested that we bring in a third party to guide business plan. Joseph indicated that we should find some people within the state, in accounting and food services, to provide these services. Kent will check on the info and report back next meeting.

Dan, Jeff, Kent, Jim & Sally: reported on Sage-Brush. The focus was on the Randolph Shepard priority. The blindness organizations got together. The program may be moving from the Department of Education, to the Department of Commerce, with a budget. Next years conference will be at Las Vegas. The meetings seemed stale. The blind community is being challenged politically.

Closed Session

No topics to discuss.

John moved to adjourn, Jeff seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fritz, Secretary ECBV