

Tompkins County Workforce Development Board
Services to Individuals with Disabilities Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | TC3 Extension Center

PRESENT: J. Matteson, C. Stanley, C. Boone, J. Schifano, R. Bradley, S. Briggs

EXCUSED: D. Barr, J. Lynch, T. Fiocco

STAFF: R. Avila, D. Lovelace, D. Achilles

GUEST: J. Mouillesseaux

Ms. Avilla requested Mr. Schifano act as Chair in the absents of Mr. Matteson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Schifano called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 12, 2022

It was moved by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Bradley, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022.

INDUSTRY SPEAKER - STABLEWORK Corp.:

Ms. Krizman and Ms. Decker Board members for Stablework Corp. is a non-profit 501C3 that is located in Newfield, NY that created a program to develop job readiness and subsequently help place individuals in volunteer or paid positions. Stablework specializes in animal care and related barn work vocational training for individuals who need additional support. Stableworks mission is to train adults of varying abilities in routine horse care and related farm-work skills and help them find work.

INFORMATION ON TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AND EXPERIENCES:

Ms. Lovelace reported to the Committee data on transitional services that are available to students with disabilities when they are leaving school after either receiving a diploma or the end of the school year in which the student reaches age 21, whichever comes first. Ms. Lovelace's presentation is attached.

REPORTING:

Ms. Lovelace reported data on WIOA Youth Program Year 2021 from July 7, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Ms. Lovelace's presentation is attached.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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**Tuesday, August 09, 2022 | Workforce Development Board Conference Room
119 E. Seneca Street, Suite 200B, Ithaca, NY 14850**

PRESENT: J. Matteson, C. Stanley, J. Schifano,

EXCUSED: R. Bradly, B. Seekins, C. Boone, D. Barr, J. Lynch, T. Fiacco

STAFF: R. Avila, D. Lovelace, D. Achilles

GUEST: J. Mouillesseaux, C. Kloppel

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 12, 2022

There were not enough voting members present to achieve quorum; the vote to approve the previous meeting's minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR PRESENTATION

Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) Cassidy Stanley shared information about her position. It is currently a grant-funded and intended for permanent funding through a different source in the future. Helping to identify that source is part of Ms. Stanley's job. Currently New York SCION funding helps pay for her services. An important aspect of her job is benefits advisement for Social Security beneficiaries, and she received certification through Cornell to be able to fulfill that role.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PRESENTATION

Ms. Lovelace presented several current statistics on the rate of labor participation and employment for people with disabilities. Ms. Avila relayed to the committee that more county level data is needed. See attached presentation.

ITHACA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cynthia Kloppel, FSS Case Manager with the Ithaca Housing Authority attended the meeting and shared information on the Family Self Sufficiency program and the

services offered to clients. She brought pamphlets and business cards for committee members and the career center to share with colleagues and the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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**Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | Workforce Development Board Conference Room
119 E. Seneca Street, Suite 200B, Ithaca, NY 14850**

PRESENT: J. Matteson, C. Stanley, D. Barr, B. Seekins

EXCUSED: R. Bradly, C. Boone, J. Lynch, T. Fiacco, J. Schifano

STAFF: R. Avila, C. Sponn, D. Achilles

GUEST: W. Strobel

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 14, 2022
August 9, 2022**

There were not enough voting members present to achieve quorum; the vote to approve the previous meeting's minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

INDUSTRY SPEAKER - Ms. Strobel, Institute on Employment and Disability ILR School, Cornell University

Ms. Strobel, Director, Yan-Tan Institute on Employment & Disability for Cornell University presented information on Northeast ADA Center. The Northeast ADA Center's mission is to promote the full implementation of Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) by providing knowledge, guidance, and training to employers to be knowledgeable about accommodations for the disabled.

Ms. Strobel spoke about the 5 Titles her department focus on: Title I - Employer who have 50 or more employees; Title II - State and local government entities; Title III - Private and public accommodations; Title IV - Public communications; and Title V - Discrimination and retaliation.

CHALLENGE/MOZAIC

B. Seekins will present at a later meeting.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Ms. Avila reported to the Committee that Ms. Lovelace is no longer with the Board. Ms. Avila will be working with the DRC Coordinator, Ms. Stanley with the NYSCION grant.

Mr. Matteson left meeting.

Ms. Avila reported that the NYSCION grant is a 3-year plan and will be working on a plan to move forward after the 3 years.

Ms. Avila asked Mr. Seekins to step in as chair in Mr. Matteson's absence.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Seekins adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

NOTICE: This form may be submitted by a person who is blind or visually impaired, or by an individual or agency on behalf of that person. If you have been mailed this form, please return it in the preaddressed envelope provided. If you are filling this form out online, please fill out the form and select the "Save Form" button to save. You may also print this form and fill it out by hand. Then mail the form or submit it electronically with the "Submit to" button to the district office located closest to you, listed on page 3.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full First Name:		Middle Initial:	Last Name:		Social Security Number:
Street Address (include apartment number):					Date of Birth:
City:	State: New York State	ZIP Code:	County:	(Area Code) Phone Number:	
If no phone, is there a number where applicant or parent/guardian can be reached? Yes No If Yes, please indicate phone number:			Email of applicant or parent/guardian:		
Preferred format for correspondence? (Phone, Email, US Mail, Braille) _____					
Has applicant previously received services from the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB)? Yes No					
Does applicant have a NYSCB Eye Registration Number? Yes No					
If Yes, please provide applicant's NYSCB Eye Registration Number:					

SERVICES NEEDED BY APPLICANT (Check all that apply.)

Counseling and guidance <input type="checkbox"/>
Training in performing household tasks <input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance in preparing for and/or finding a job <input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance maintaining a current job <input type="checkbox"/>
Assistance in obtaining services for the above-named visually impaired child <input type="checkbox"/>
Other services <input type="checkbox"/>

APPLICANT HISTORY

Cause of visual impairment:		
Age at onset _____	Does the applicant have any other disabilities?	Yes No
If Yes, please describe:		

REMARKS (You may use the box below to provide any additional information.)

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**IF SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY AND CANNOT SIGN, PLEASE
TYPE NAME IN SIGNATURE BLOCKS AND DATE**

I am applying for services from the New York State Commission for the Blind and agree to assist in obtaining information to determine my eligibility for services.

Applicant signature:	Date:
Print name of parent/guardian if applicant is under the age of 18:	
Parent/guardian signature:	Date:

If application is submitted by anyone other than the applicant or parent/guardian of the applicant, please complete the following and have applicant or parent/guardian sign above.

INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

First Name:	Last Name:	
Title/relationship to applicant:		
Signature of submitter:		
Agency (if applicable):		
Street Address of submitter or agency:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
(Area Code) Phone Number of submitter:		

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Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States, as defined in section 705 (20) of this title, shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any executive agency or by the United States Postal Service.

What Is NYSCB?

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) assists New York State residents of all ages who are legally blind or deaf-blind to live independent and productive lives by providing vocational counseling, advocacy, rehabilitation training and employment services.



NYSCB Programs

Employment Program

A vocational rehabilitation counselor can help you develop a plan and get the training you need to reach your employment goal.

Job Save Program

If you are employed and legally blind or have a diagnosis leading to legal blindness within one year, you may be eligible for Job Save services. A vocational rehabilitation counselor can arrange vision and job services that may help you to continue working productively in your position.

Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

If you are a U.S. citizen interested in managing your own newsstand, snack bar, cafeteria, or vending route, BEP provides training to get you licensed and up and running, along with ongoing support.

Independent Living/Older Adult Programs

If you are an adult who wants to live as independently as possible, but are not interested in employment, NYSCB has programs to teach you the skills to maintain your home, travel safely and keep in touch with family and friends.

Children's Program

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Who Is Eligible?



Any New York State resident who has a severe vision and hearing impairment that together cause extreme difficulty in communicating with others, attaining independence in daily life activities or obtaining and maintaining employment, may be eligible for deaf-blind services provided through New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB). If the individual is legally blind, they may also be eligible for additional NYSCB services.

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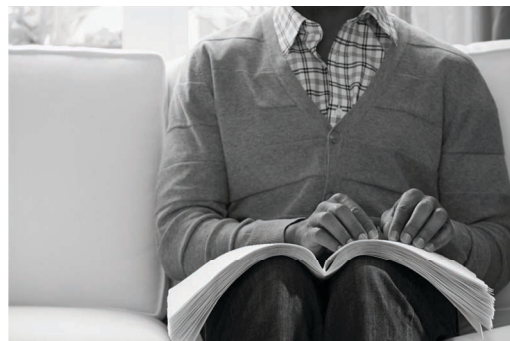
Services For Deaf-Blind Individuals:

Specific Deaf-Blind Services May Include:

- Audiological evaluations and aids
- Specialized rehabilitation services
- Deaf-blind interpreter services

Additional NYSCB Services May Include:

- Daily living skills training
- Travel training
- Low vision examinations and aids
- Community resources
- Braille instruction
- Communication skills
- Assistive technology training
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- Work readiness training
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