

Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN)
Meeting

Date: June 25, 2015
Location: 111 N Sanders Rm 207
Time: 10:00 – Noon

Attendees: Kelly McNurlin (DDP), Phyllis Astheimer (Family Outreach), Chanda Hemanson-Dudley (VRBS), Marla Swanby (OPI), Charlie Briggs (ESGW), Bill Harant (DET-SILC), Diana Tavary (PLUK), Jennifer Finnegan (DDP), Karen Cech (recorder).

Phone Attendees: Lori Idland (DRM), Misty Hofland (VR-Grt Falls), Sara Hofstad (ESGW), Laurel Gebo (DDP - Grt Falls), Rob Tallon (REACH).

• **Opening Remarks** -

- 1) Bill Harant from Disability Determination - Summit Independent Living Center (DET-SILC) announced:

Helena Joining Community Forces Provider Symposium - Empowering the Montana Community with a FREE educational symposium.

August 7, 2015

9:00 - 3:45 pm

Carroll College Campus Center

Helena, MT

More information can be found at <http://mtjcf.eventbrite.com>

Helena Military Community Resource Fair and Veteran Stand Down -

Empowering Montana's Service members, Veterans & their families with a FREE informational community fair.

August 8, 2015

9:30 - 3:30 pm

Gateway Center, 1710 National Ave.

Helena, MT

- 2) DDP Contractor Listening Sessions for the fall have been scheduled:

Missoula - September 22

Havre - September 24

Billings - September 29

Helena - To Be Announced

- 3) Next Meeting RESCHEDULED - SELN's next meeting is July 23rd and there are conflicting meetings. The July SELN meeting has been **re-scheduled for Thursday, July 30th, from 10 - 3:00 pm. at 2401 Colonial Dr., 2nd floor Wilderness Rm.** Place the August meeting on your calendar for August 27, 2015.

- 4) A request has been made by Novelene Martin for the SELN workgroup to give input on the following:
- a. Flexibility within cost plans for employment needs: how can an individual's cost plan be more responsive to employment needs while staying within the current resource allocation? What changes could be made to the current 0208 waiver definitions to make employment more flexible.
 - b. Develop training for case management (both targeted case managers and waiver children's case managers) on employment and career planning.
 - c. Clarification/definitions of terms that are used in the 0208 employment waiver definitions. Terms to address are – Job Exploration, Job Shadowing, Informational Interviewing, Volunteerism, Community Work Experience, Career Profile, Career Plan
 - d. Recommendations for on-going collaboration activities in the field between VR/ DDP/Job Service/OPA/School – what would be the specific plan the committee would recommend to continue to strengthen our local collaborations.

The SELN workgroup decided they would discuss and give input on each item via the regular group instead of creating a smaller workgroup. Discussions on item **C** will start at next SELN meeting in July.

- 5) Kelly expressed to the SELN workgroup to let her know if the SELN meetings are too long or if they should be changed in any way. Participants suggested that an outlook reminder be sent out.

- **Recap of June 3rd meeting with John Butterworth / start priorities discussions** - Kelly reviewed John and Jane's notes that were sent prior to the meeting. The review covered feedback from the survey that John had sent out in May, the 2011 priorities and actions, the 2015 priorities brainstorming, and focus areas.

A decision has been made to not continue our membership with the National SELN. The funding that would have been put to the membership has been put into a budget for the SELN to utilize for priority goals. Kelly will check to see if non state participants could be reimbursed for participating.