

Meeting Minutes October 14th, 2015

In Attendance: Naomi Namekata (DSB), Vicki Gilleg (DVR), John Bresko (OSPI), Daman Wandke (consumer rep), Kenny Salvini (consumer rep), Eric Rea (consumer rep), Sue Ammeter (consumer rep), Jack Brummel (WA Access Fund), Alan Knue (Staff), Gaby de Jongh (staff), Maria Kelley (staff), Scott Canaan (staff), Sam Murphy (staff).

Federal Update and Forecast

1. Congress typically funds 23% in continuing resolution
2. Possible funding increase due to increase to Labor Health and Human Service (LHHS) budget
3. Move from Dept. of ED to A of Community Living (ACL) almost complete – biggest piece is that there is no annual reporting tool.
 - a. Association of Tech Act Programs (ATAP) came up with a backup plan if ACL wasn't able to build a system in the short time they had available.
4. Alan appointed as Chair of ATAP for two years

Council Happenings, Updates, and Upcoming Events

1. Access Fund: Annual Event and Awards Dinner on Nov. 12th 5:30pm-8:30pm Bell Harbor Center.
2. Nov 5th – 7th 25th Anniversary at Seatac
3. Department of Service for the Blind: Events on Oct 15th for White Cane day including independent Living activities to participate in at offices statewide.
4. Walk and Roll event. Attendance was down a bit perhaps due to the early start time.
5. Here and Now webpage to launch a new
6. 3D printing splint for people with hand paralysis. UW department trying to figure out to get the designs online for free.
7. 15 annual Combined Summer Institute at Seattle University. Special Ed Technology Center does a presentation for a whole afternoon and it is one of the most popular sessions.

WATAP Programs and Activities Update

1. Presentation and labs with DVR statewide in-service, Learning Disability Association, Masters of Occupation Therapy

2. WATAP participating in WA Technology Transfer workgroup, primary focus at the moment is creating a guide for how to transfer equipment between schools, from schools to individuals, from VR, to higher ed, etc
 - a. The document will include examples of MOUs and guidance for how to determine cost of assets.

Committee Updates

1. We will be discussing formation of new ad hoc committees at the December in person meeting.
2. We have two new potential members, both are parents and from areas outside the Puget Sound region