

The Pittsburgh BBVS CAC meeting 11/05/2021

**Participants used either Teams or called in.
Meeting began at 10:00 am.**

In Attendance:

Tom Burgunder, GTCB president; Lynne Fox, WPSBC; Emily Gindlesperger, NFBPA; Carla Hayes; Chris Hunsinger, PCB President; Greg Lazur, PaTTAN; Terri Lucas, Beaver County PAB; Bob Nagy; Barb Peterson, BVRSP; Harold Longmore, VR Supervisor Pittsburgh BBVS; Larry Shock, Assistant DA Pittsburgh BBVS; and Sarah Vogel, District Administrator Pittsburgh BBVS.

Approval of Minutes from the August 2021 Meeting:

There were no questions or comments. Carla made motion and Terri a second – Minutes approved.

Staff Updates – BBVS Pgh:

Harold Longmore is back in the office as a VR Supervisor.

Other staff vacancy info:

VRC interview scheduled to interview for three VRC positions.

Social Worker positions will be posted.

Posting for vacant O&M and VRT positions.

Will be posting for 2 CT2 positions.

All positions are in the Queue for Posting with the Office of Administration (OA).

Telework Update:

Permanent part-time telework staff up to two days a week at home.

Implemented 10/04/2021. Have not yet opened the office to the general public. Currently doing virtual, in person at customers' homes or in the community.

Pre-ETS Programming:

Strive On: No indication about Spring and Summer 2022 programming. Pre-ETS Early Reach at OVR for BVRs people.

Group Pre-ETS: BVRs has assigned liaisons and has Early Reach Coordinators. Central Office is supposed to be looking at a tool kit for Pre-ETS to help with those who qualify but are not in the OVR BBVS system yet.

Emily G said that Angelina (her daughter) has been working in Strive-On and enjoying it.

Greg and Sarah may well be working together on something on Pre-ETS for Special Ed and BBVS.

STEM Program: Tom B mentioned STEM programs with CMU for high school students. Sarah didn't know anything new about such programming. There are new rules for procurement because people had been doing things wrong.

Fab Lab:

There is no more Fab Lab because that contract is over.

WPSBC Pre-ETS info:

Early Reach:

Employment after high school:

Teachers in secondary program for teachers of students from ages 14 to 21.

More purposeful planning for secondary planning for students.

Ryan (do not remember last name) and Craig Williams working on this program.

BVRSP Programming:

Barb Peterson reported about the PROMOTE initiative. Six people did the class earlier in the year.

There is another class in Spring of 2022.

BVRSP has 14 open positions in their staff as well.

They did no white cane activities in October 2021.

They are allowing people in the building wearing masks.

BVRSP got 3 resumes for training for the Yoga instructor licensing.

This program starts on 11/29/2021 for the Yoga instructor.

Once instructors are certified, they can leave the program as certified.

BVRSP can use this certification as a selling point.

Training Update (Larry):

Communications plan throughout OVR.

PowerPoint, social media and other means –

12/08/2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for staff.

Apprenticeship in Pennsylvania on 11/17/2021.

Communications plan needed clarification on tasks and methods.

Business Service Rep Update - Spero Pipakis:

Spero is doing a temporary position for Central Office to take on the additional Job Fare information.

Spero gave Larry some information re his temporary position. Spero will be focusing on Accessibility state-wide. He will also be working on internship programs for the Summer. The positions with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will probably be in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, 6/06 through 8/12/2022.

Will be via the NeoGov website.

The internships are in these cities but not necessarily for people at OVR offices - could be in other agencies.

Who will be picked for these positions?

UPMC is hiring in several areas.

ACHIEVA is working as a liaison.

Order of Selection:

There is no longer an Order of Selection waiting list. Through the Commonwealth there are several still in Status 11, but Pittsburgh BBVS got its people off the waiting list. Gale (VRC) had four – two are now in Plan Status now and two are closed.

Koji (VRC) had six, but he closed five and one was placed in Plan Status.

New Business:

Adding new people to the group:

Let's update the list for the next meeting.

Next CAC Meeting:

February 4, 2022 (Friday) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

This meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Barb made the motion and Emily seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Hunsinger