**Department of Rehabilitation Services**

**Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)**

# State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Special Meeting Draft Minutes

## February 21, 2018

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Mr. Gunzburg, Chair of the State Rehabilitation Council, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Gunzburg acknowledged the presence of members of the DORS-BESB Advisory Board who were in attendance.**

**Members Present  Mr. Alan Gunzburg, Mr. Brian Sigman, Mr. Nathaniel Barnes, Mr. Michael Bartley, Ms. Colleen Hayles, Ms. Kathleen Marioni, Mr. Patrick Melfi, Ms. Diann Murray, Ms. Nyema Pinkney, Ms. Ellen Telker, Ms. Diane Weaver-Dunne and Mr. Steve Familigetti.**

**Members Absent: Mr. Gary Gross, Ms. Beth Reel, Ms. Kimberly Tindall, and Ms. Jeannette Rodriguez-Perez.**

**Others Present:  Mr. Alan Sylvestre, Ms. Eileen Akers, Ms. Andrea Giudice, Mr. David Gregoire, Ms. Catherine Guzman, Ms. Beth Rival, Ms. Lisa Tanguay, Mr. Stephen Thal, Ms. Randa Utter, Mr. Daryl Pease and Ms. Wendy Petersen.**

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Sylvestre requested clarification regarding staff development and if it included paraprofessionals. Mr. Sigman affirmed that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act includes language that designated state units shall establish and maintain a comprehensive system of personnel development designed to ensure an adequate supply of qualified State rehabilitation professional and paraprofessional personnel. Mr. Sylvestre also recommended that rideshare transportation services be referred to as “ride share services” rather than the actual names of transportation companies. Mr. Gunzburg commented that since the State Rehabilitation Council took the initiative to learn what two specific rideshare services could offer to consumers on a statewide basis, the names of the two companies who participated in the State Rehabilitation Council meetings should be acknowledged.**

**New Business**

**BESB Vocational Rehabilitation Section of Unified State Plan for Action**

**MOTION: Mr. Barnes made a motion to adopt the BESB Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Unified State Plan as drafted, seconded by Ms. Murray. The motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Pinkney, it was unanimously passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**

**The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at BESB.**