**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Education & Employment Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 18, 2015**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Bonessi, Ethel Parris Gainer, Donna Gilles, John Eisenberg, John Kelly, Donna Lockwood, Jane Ward-Solomon (for Richard Mitchell)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vicki Beatty, Mary McAdam

**VBPD STAFF PRESENT:** Lynne Talley

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:40 a.m.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** The Committee reviewed the agenda.

**REVIEW OF DECEMBER 3, 2014, EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Donna Lockwood and seconded by Ethel Parris Gainer to approve the minutes. The **MOTION** was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE:** John Kelly provided highlights from the Executive Committee Meeting including the discussion on potentially restructuring the standing committee composition and the format of the Triennial Assessment of Disability Services in Virginia.

**DISCUSSION OF STATE PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The Committee discussed the two grants: VAIL’s “Opportunities Abound” grant did extensive training in the last quarter and has added a 13th participant to the program; RRTC’s “Employment for All Citizens of Southside” grant had 2 additional placements in the October-December quarter, bringing the total placements to 6.

The Committee reviewed the “Draft Transition Document” and discussed additional items. Ms. Talley will make the additions to the document and present a draft to the Committee in June.

**REVIEW OF 2016 STATE PLAN UPDATE:** The Committee recommended deleting an implementation activity under State Plan Objective 2-02 which would have resulted in a grant project. This activity was discussed at the December Board meeting where it was decided that the Board would not conduct the competitive grant program for 2016. The deletion of this activity will not affect the Board meeting Objective 2-02. Ms. Talley will make the deletion and the Draft Update will be presented in June for review.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.