

Coastal Operators Group (COG) Meeting

Minutes

June 26, 2024

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps
Welcome and Review May Meeting Minutes	In attendance: Susan LeClair; Rene Smith; Rob Ducharme; Rob Klaiber; Joy Rodrigue; Linda Greer; Krista Campbell; Jeff Martinelli	
<p>1. Updates from the group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic updates/initiatives • Biggest challenge of the month 	<p>Kim Desso (Voc Rehab) had to meet with HR during our scheduled meeting, so she submitted updates via email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVR is still seeking qualified candidates for multiple positions in both VR and DBVI. • Summer programming is underway. • The Southern Bus Tour for Youth is happening this week – visit various colleges and sleepovers in dorms, engage in work-based activities; the Northern Bus Tour will be in August. • Summer Paid Work Experiences are beginning in July for 40+ youth (short-term, paid work experiences). • DVR has two great entry level job opportunities out of the Lewiston and Portland offices. The Rehabilitation Assistant is a position that is meeting new people and organizations to share information about VR and the services that they provide. This position will be out in the community assisting people to apply for services, sharing and distributing VR materials, and may include some presentations. Minimum qualifications two years of experience, education, or training in working with individuals with disabilities. Questions: Samantha.J.Fenderson@Maine.gov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Portland: https://mainebhr.hire.trakstar.com/jobs/fk0vgpo/ ○ Lewiston: https://mainebhr.hire.trakstar.com/jobs/fk0vgpr/ <p>Rob K.: Job fair in Sanford at the CareerCenter; Portland fair will be on July 10th. There are a couple of positions in Portland for Vet reps. Candidates do need military experience.</p> <p>IWC job fair opportunity – Lola, Moses, Diane Helped with previous cohort, resume writing, etc.</p> <p>Joy: Finally fully staffed for Adult and Recovery in all six counties; BIG grant getting going; rapid response with semiconductor manufacturer, ONSEMI; cohort with union contraction.</p> <p>Linda: Layoffs often open doors at Adult Ed, so it's good to be ready. Fall publications are in development. National education company is doing EV charger certification (SAE</p>	<p>Amy will connect Linda with Electrical Union:</p>

	<p>International), very accessible. Follow up with dental health. Will be posting through York Adult Ed the YCCC position. Hoping for grant funding to support climate work, i.e., heat pumps, solar, offshore wind, EV charger. Would love to have proactive conversation with electrical union.</p> <p>Jeff: Executing the AGC program. Attended a lunch with Rotary and has gotten someone into <i>Lift Every Boat</i> with Luke's Lobster.</p> <p>Rene: In the process of interviews for Employment Specialist III.</p> <p>Rob D: Friday and Saturday BIW job fairs.</p>	<p>George Howe (George@ibew1253.org) Training Director, IBEW Local 1253; Rob can reach out to training director in Lewiston to connect with Linda.</p>
<p>2. Career Center / Affiliate Site Certification Process Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification Review Team Scheduled for July 1st 	<p>Kim Desso submitted updates to Rob Klaiber to include in affiliate site recertification documents.</p> <p>Rob K.: The environment has changed significantly since COVID protocol at the last time of certification. Looking at a snapshot of current operations.</p>	<p>Does VR need to submit materials to Career Center managers? Amy will confirm – might potentially reach out after the review committee meets on Monday.</p>
Adjourn		2:45 PM

Next Meeting: July 24 @ 2:00PM