



Learning Assistance Program Advisory Meeting Notes

Date: November 9, 2021
Meeting Place: Zoom

Called to order: 2:30 pm **Chair(s):** Stephanie Crosby **Note Taker:** Odette Pinheiro

Council Members Present: Carolina Allen, Keturah Carter, Mary Dominguez, Glenn Goldin, Braden Pivrotto, Tina Polito, Kristie Van Horn, Tammy Woodard-Welch

Discussion: Keturah Carter gave a presentation ([STEPS Program Presentation \(English/Spanish\) - YouTube](#)) on the services offered by Goodwill. They have different programs for youth between the ages of 16 and 21 including the Department of Rehabilitation Student Services Program. They are required to have an IEP or 504. This program offers \$100 of work experience or 90 days. Participants can be co-enrolled in all of the programs.

They also have DOR Adult Services for people over 21 years of age. If they are an adult with a disability, need to find employment, and are struggling with that, Goodwill can connect them with DOR to get them signed up with DOR. Goodwill will then work with an employment services coordinator. Its referral based only, so they have to be referred by the DOR. They can help the individual through the entire process of finding a job.

They also have their Prison to Employment. This program is referral based only. Referrals come through PRRC. They can talk to their probation officer about a referral. This program offers paid work experience. After they completed the work experience, they then work on job development. Goodwill helps find them permanent employment. In conjunction with that program, they also have a Probation Program, which offers 30 days of subsidized employment.

They also have a Veterans Program, the Veterans Employment Related Assistance Program. This program is offered to Veterans and their spouses, as well as Active-Duty spouses. They also offer work experience and supported services (gas, uniforms, interview clothes, etc.).

The Goodwill Classroom offers QuickBooks, Office Administrator, Customer Service training.

The Department of Rehabilitation works with Veterans with documented disabilities who are not currently working with the VA.

Enrollment at the Department of Rehabilitation is down. They do have plenty of funds available. Please encourage students to apply.