

Minutes of the West Virginia Governor's Committee for the Purchase of Commodities and Services from the Handicapped

January 18, 2017 Meeting West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, 10 McJunkin Road Nitro, West Virginia

The West Virginia Governor's Committee for the Purchase of Commodities and Services from the Handicapped met Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services office, 10 McJunkin Road, Nitro, West Virginia, at 10:00 AM. Chairperson Kim Nuckles called the meeting to order.

Present at the Meeting: Chairperson Kim Nuckles; Committee members Douglas Auten, Everett Sullivan, and Executive Secretary, Mark Totten. Jan Smith attended by telephone.

Jonathan Jones, Gary Wolfe, Mark Jackson, and Roy Woodard, were representing the Central Nonprofit Agency (WVARF).

Guests present: Joyce Birley, Goodwill; Karen Haught, The Seeing Hand Association, Inc.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Motion to approve Fair Market Price Determination for Empowerment Through Employment, Inc. for numerous clothing items. Item voted on and approved by Committee.
2. Motion to approve Fair Market Price Modification for the statewide commodities for survey stakes, hospital clothing, and secure document destruction. Committeeman Everette Sullivan had inquiries related to how the increased pricing was determined and how the items were bundled before shipping. Item voted on and approved by Committee.
3. Karen Haught from The Seeing Hand Association, Inc. in Wheeling gave a presentation on a product their company wants to start manufacturing (refurbished fire extinguishers and their maintenance). The workshop is not yet offering this product, but first wants to know if they can be part of the state use program if they were to begin refurbishing fire extinguishers.

OLD BUSINESS

WVARF described body bags that one of the workshops can manufacture and how those bags are superior to the body bags currently being purchased by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Gary Wolfe and Mark Jackson from WVARF had visited the medical examiner's office and examined the many defects of the currently-purchased bags and also heard about many issues the agency is apparently having with their current vendor.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee chairwoman Kim Nuckles mentions the inauguration of Governor Jim Justice and informs the committee there is a new cabinet secretary for the West Virginia Department of Administration, Mr. John Myers.

Meeting adjourned