**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

**Training Subcommittee Meeting**

**Monday, 07/07/25, 10:00am – 11:00am**

**Training Meeting Minutes**

In attendance:

Training subcommittee members (by Zoom): Sandy Balani*,* Jerry Gann, Julie Wakamoto, Steve Alford, Naresh Balani

DOR staff (by Zoom): Luis Rodriguez, Carlene Guzman, Oscar Chavez, Ryne Myers, Raghbir Tung, Raj Basi, Brandon Birchell, Joshua Pitts, Jennifer Wilbon

Members of the public (by Zoom): Maria Trovato, Michael Davis, Daniel Salinas, Max Duarte

Agenda

Item 1: Welcome and roll call

Sandy Balani, Chair, welcomed attendees, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the rules.

Item 2: Update from Training Officer

Department comments and questions

* Shared updates for the training class and shared slide presentation
* Training/BEP topics organized into units of study
* September goal for the training start date
* Training curriculum is paced out for 5-month duration
* New students will complete the Chicago Lighthouse training after they do their 20-day pre-evaluation and before they start classes
* Blended Learning Model which will combine in-person and on-line learning
* OJT will be provided at the end of the training
* Explained the expected time frame for new students to complete a module
* Business school model
* 3 students so far for the training class
* There will be reading materials, handouts
* Vendors can make up work if a day is missed
* If a vendor is without a location for 2 years, they will have to go through the training program again

Committee members comments and questions

* Asked questions about the training class and schedule
* Questions about training at the Lighthouse
* Will new students have the opportunity to interact with vendors
* Questions about permits
* Asked if there will be textbooks
* Offered suggestions

**Item 3: Training conference discussion**

Continue planning for the 2025 training conference.

Committee members comments and questions

* Discussions took place regarding planning for the 2025 training conference
* Shared ideas for presenters
* Questions about how speakers get paid
* Barragan will provide training on 09/04/25 for workers comp, workplace safety etc
* 2 speakers from NABM to present
* Would like to make folders, and braille copies of the agenda
* Asked how many staff members from northern California are going to the conference
* Discussion took place about funds

Department comments and questions

* No MOR training, for MOR questions, talk with your BEC
* There will be a worker’s comp training at the education conference

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am