

Employment Workgroup Agenda

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

June 25, 2026 | 9:00 am – 9:45 am

Zoom link: [GCDE Employment Workgroup Meeting | Zoom](#)

Meeting Purpose

Plan and align on 2026 Employment Workgroup activities, including recruitment, partner engagement, and priority initiatives.

Meeting Results

By the end of the meeting, participants will:

- Finalize and approve the draft invitation for new members (expected next month)
- Clarify 2026 focus areas to guide partner engagement and workgroup priorities
- Identify priority questions for partner agencies (DVR/DSB, Pre-ETS, STW, WSRC, HRC, NW ADA Center, Associations of Counties/Cities/Businesses)
- Select 1-2 lunch-and-learn topics, proposed presenters, and target audiences
- Choose one early action item to begin while awaiting new members (before next meeting)
- Confirm next steps and meeting cadence

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Person Responsible
9:00	Call to order / roll call	Brit Nuckles, Chair
9:05	Approve agenda and April minutes	Brit Nuckles
9:10	Approve draft invitation for new members	Brit (summary + vote)
9:15	Partner engagement: Identify priorities/priority questions*	
9:28	Select lunch-and-learn topics, presenters, and audiences**	Emily / Brit
9:35	Choose one early action item to begin before new members join: Medicaid Public Comment?	Brit / All
9:40	Wrap-up: Confirm next steps and meeting cadence	Emily / Brit

*Can be done offline and brought back to next meeting if needed

**Time permitting, could prioritize partner engagement and focus on at next meeting if needed

Employment Workgroup – Meeting Minutes Template

Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 9:45 am

Location: Zoom – GCDE Employment Workgroup Meeting

1. Call to order

Chair **Brit Nuckles** called the meeting to order at **9:02 am**.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jerrell Briscoe (new: visiting), Amy Cloud, Brit Nuckles, Sawyer Stearns (new: visiting)

Staff Present: Emily Spears, Elizabeth Gordon

Members Absent: Ivyanne Van Der Peet

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda for June 25, 2026: no additions heard.
- Minutes from April 23, 2026: Amy moves, Brit seconds (will resend)

Outcome: **Approved** / Approved with edits / Not approved

4. Approval of Draft Invitation for New Members

Summary of discussion: Brit shared their screen with the draft invite and read it aloud.

Decision: Amy thought it was a strong message and well done, has some minor wording edits. We will send it out with a deadline and reminder alongside the messaging about joining subcommittees.

- Invitation approved / **edits requested**
- Responsible person for finalizing: Brit will polish it up.

5. Priority questions for Partner Agencies

Partners referenced: DVR, DSB, Pre-ETS, STW, WSRC, HRC, NW ADA Center, Associations of Counties/Cities/Businesses

Examples: Service gaps, barriers, resources, collaboration (who do we have access to share: Associates – **send list** such as WASILC, WSRC, CILs, DRW, HRC, ESD, business community/employers, commissions, DVR/DSB, legislative or outreach subcommittees)

Questions identified:

- What are the biggest issues you see (query partners to ID needs and gaps)

Follow-up assignments: Look at list of associates and see who we're interested in partnering with, existing resources i.e., DEF or Office of Equity.

6. Lunch-and-Learn Planning

Topics discussed: Information/resources/FAQs businesses don't see or have a lot of access to such as NWAf, WLAD, culture, rural barriers i.e., transportation, broadband

Selected topic(s): Push out pre-existing discrimination resources to start. Toolkit for small businesses idea.

Proposed presenter(s): NWAf, DVR/DSB

Target audiences:

- State government
- Businesses
- Professionals
- Disability employment community
- Other:

Notes:

7. Early Action Item (Pre-New-Member Work)

Action selected: Medicaid Public Comment

Responsible person(s): Everyone can provide input, opportunity forthcoming.

Timeline: Due 5pm June 30th.

8. Next Steps & Meeting Cadence

Next Steps / assignments: Send invite to new members. Submit Medicaid Public Comment by June 30th to be compiled and submitted. Pending: reach out to partner agencies with identified question(s) to guide topic decision at next meeting (decide who to partner with to push out existing discrimination resources and learn what to include in a future toolkit).

Meeting cadence:

- 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 am
- Next meeting: July 23, 2026

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **9:55 am**.