

Employment Workgroup Agenda

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

July 23, 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:

- Welcome new members
- Review implementation timeline and work completed thus far
- Approve draft question to partners and select which to send to
- Select 1-2 lunch-and-learn topics, proposed presenters, and target audiences *[TBD]***
- Confirm next steps and meeting cadence

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Person Responsible
9:00	Call to order / roll call: welcome new members	Brit Nuckles, Chair
9:05	Approve agenda and June minutes	Brit Nuckles
9:10	Approve draft invitation for partners	Brit (summary + vote)
9:15	Partner engagement—identify key stakeholders*	Emily / Elizabeth / Brit
9:28	Determining which lunch-and-learn topics, presenters, and audiences to focus on <i>[TBD]**</i>	Emily / Brit
9:35	Review implementation timeline	Brit / All
9:40	Wrap-up: Confirm next steps and meeting cadence	Emily / Brit

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

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

Draft implementation timeline

Month	Key Actions
June	Finalize invite, submit Medicaid comment, review partner list (completed)
July	Partner outreach, confirm topics, onboard new members
August	Draft Lunch and Learn outline, gather discrimination resources
September	Draft toolkit + Lunch and Learn materials
October	Review drafts, finalize design, set event logistics
November	Approvals, accessibility review, prepare rollout
December	Deliver Lunch and Learn, publish toolkit/resources (goal to complete by EOY)

Draft outreach language

Dear new, current GCDE members, and partners,

I am excited to reach out to introduce the GCDE Employment Workgroup, share our goals for this year, and invite interested members to join us.

The GCDE Employment Workgroup is a standalone workgroup of GCDE. Our work centers on building connections across disability and business communities to help reduce barriers and support people with disabilities in finding and keeping the jobs and careers they want.

As a recently reactivated workgroup, we're excited about the opportunity to shape our direction with input from members. Our goals for the coming year are:

1. Clarify our focus areas.
2. Identify the key questions we want to ask partner agencies about those areas.
3. Use what we learn to select one or two lunch-and-learn topics, proposed presenters, and our target audiences to present by the end of the year.

Some of our initial ideas include partnering with organizations to support ADA training for businesses, gathering information about pre-employment transition services to share with the community, and providing information about the Washington Law Against Discrimination to businesses and other community members.

We'd love to hear from you if you want to be involved!

Draft question to partners

Where do you see gaps in employer education, training, or awareness?

List of GCDE Associate Member partners

[GCDE Members & Associates](#)

