**Special Meeting Agenda - Thursday, January 9, 2025**

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| **Approximate Times** | **Topic** | **Discussion Facilitator/Presenter** |
| **9:00 – 9:15** | **Introduction and VRS Budget Overview**  | **Dee Torgerson** |
| **9:15 – 9:45** | **Background Information*** Priority for Service
* Consumer Financial Participation
 | **Jennifer Koski****Jacki Rightler****Jamie Craft** |
| **9:45 – 10:00** | **Q and A from the SRC** | **Karla Eckhoff** |
| **10:00 – 10:15** | **Public Comment Period** | **Karla Eckhoff** |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **SRC Recommendations** | **Karla Eckhoff** |

**Statutory functions of the SRC**

1. Review, analyze, and advise Vocational Rehabilitation Services regarding the performance of its responsibilities under this part, particularly responsibilities related to—
	1. Eligibility, including order of selection;
	2. The extent, scope, and effectiveness of services provided; and
	3. Functions performed by State agencies that affect or potentially affect the ability of individuals with disabilities in achieving employment outcomes under this part.
2. In partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation Services—
	1. Develop, agree to, and review State goals and priorities in accordance with §361.29(c); and
	2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation program and submit reports of progress to the Secretary in accordance with §361.29(e).
3. Advise Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Rehabilitation Services regarding activities carried out under this part and assist in the preparation of the vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Unified or Combined State Plan and amendments to the plan, applications, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by this part.
4. To the extent feasible, conduct a review and analysis of the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with—
	1. The functions performed by Vocational Rehabilitation Services;
	2. The vocational rehabilitation services provided by State agencies and other public and private entities responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities under the Act; and
	3. The employment outcomes achieved by eligible individuals receiving services under this part, including the availability of health and other employment benefits in connection with those employment outcomes.
5. Prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Secretary no later than 90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year an annual report on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the State and make the report available to the public through appropriate modes of communication.
6. To avoid duplication of efforts and enhance the number of individuals served, coordinate activities with the activities of other councils within the State, including the Statewide Independent Living Council established under chapter 1, title VII of the Act, the advisory panel established under section 612(a)(21) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council described in section 124 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the State mental health planning council established under section 1914(a) of the Public Health Service Act, and the State workforce development board, and with the activities of entities carrying out programs under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998.
7. Provide for coordination and the establishment of working relationships between Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Statewide Independent Living Council and centers for independent living within the State.
8. Perform other comparable functions, consistent with the purpose of this part, as the Council determines to be appropriate, that are comparable to the other functions performed by the Council.
9. Hold hearings and forums that the Council determines necessary to carry out its duties.
10. Prepare, in conjunction with Vocational Rehabilitation Services, a plan for the provisions of resources, including such staff and other personnel, as may be necessary and sufficient to carry out the functions of the Council.
11. Every 3 years, VR and SRC must jointly conduct a comprehensive needs assessment.
12. Review the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development and provide recommendations.