SSB DeafBlind Committee Agenda

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Agenda

Call to order: \_\_\_\_ pm – Patrick Vellia

* Welcome/Check-In with Members – Patrick Vellia
* SSB Staff Report - Lindsay Escalera

Currently serving 85 customers

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Metro = 57

Greater MN = 28

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Adult = 67

Pre-ETS = 18

Successful and Unsuccessful outcomes

Last program year:

Successful outcomes: (6 total)

Greater MN = 2

Metro = 4

Unsuccessful outcomes: (2 total)

Greater MN = 1

Metro = 1

This program year (YTD, as of March 6):

Successful outcomes: (6 total)

Greater MN = 0

Metro = 6

Unsuccessful outcomes: (5 total)

Greater MN = 1

Metro = 4

Employment Stability

Employment not stable = 5

Greater MN = 2

Metro = 3

Employment stable = 1

Greater MN = 1

Metro = 0

SSB New Hires:

SSB O&M Instructor: Abdi Ali-Mumin

DIF Grant Program Manager: Dacia VanAlstine

Bonus VR Counselor: Catherine “Kate” Flick

* Ongoing Tasks for Committee Documents – SharePoint
  + Recommendations of written standards for individuals/community partners wanting to contract with SSB to provide Tactile ASL, Protactile, or Haptics instruction.
  + Create a script or document explaining DeafBlindness
  + Documents Last Updated 2023 – Need revisions in 2025
    - DB Committee Goals & Priorities (Need Review)
    - <https://mn365.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/DEED/SRCB/dbcm/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B7D56AF18-9C31-4C68-B14E-C01AF61758E4%7D&file=SRCB%20DB%20Committee%20-%20Goals%20and%20Priorities.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true>
* New Tasks
  + Step-By-Step Guide Metro & Greater MN Guides needs to be reviewed and updated
  + [Metro / State Services for the Blind](https://mn.gov/deed/ssb/jobseekers/overview/metro.jsp)
  + <https://mn.gov/deed/ssb/jobseekers/overview/greater-minnesota.jsp>
* Updates from Organizations
* Next Meeting: May 13, 2025 – 5 pm to 7 pm Zoom Meeting
* Adjournment – Patrick Vellia