

VHEAP Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, 19 September 2024

Attending

- Korey Singleton
- Barbara Zunder
- Jason Heron
- Sarahbeth Dreis
- Charlene Jones
- Mark Nichols
- Jamie Chandler
- Mollie Kropp
- Danielle Smith
- Brittany Dioszeghy
- Christina Wulf
- Pearl Xie
- Stacy McBain

Agenda Items

Steve Gordon / Dear Colleague letter updates

Just finished meeting with Steve. October 29 will not work. He is going to present to the DOJ and Federal/State level – targeting January 14 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

Topics remain the same – the bureaucracy is our current impediment.

Steve will be on vacation until October 1, will then share his information with superiors to get it approved and keep the ball rolling.

Plan to share with all colleges, BDOE, and TTAC.

Emily shared ADA Title II updates with Steve – will be mentioned, but will not be a large focus. Engaging executives at a higher level is really the goal – to make sure that ADA Title II updates get the attention they deserve.

- Any students who'd be interested in participating in the panel?
- Reached out to some VT professors who have done SCHEV talks.
- We have a few students who are currently planning to attend.

SB 21 Updates

Draft is now going through internal SCHEV review. Met with Del. Cohen and Sen. Celine. Completed report will be on the legislative information system (the general assembly LIS).

Sarahbeth will share it out once it's up on the LIS.

VHEAP UnConference

Mark your calendars! Martina (from AHEAD) wants to do a joint collaboration with us, on May 29th, Thursday, and the VHEAP UnConference will be on **Friday, May 30th**.

Barb and Martina will collaborate to figure out a good way to handle registration and finances in-house at UVA without involving William & Mary.

Planning to talk again tomorrow.

Questions:

- Would VHEAP take the same financial hit with an AHEAD collaboration? Currently talking about it as two separate registration processes.

If it happens at UVA, there won't be any additional fees associated with registration

VHEAP Lunch and Learns with AHEAD

Open for discussion: should we collaborate on lunch and learns?

- **October 29:** Moving Institutions forward to achieve alignment with Title II
 - Target more of a 30-minute overview with remaining time for questions
- **November 19:** Different categories of AT such as note taking, text-to-speech, etc.
 - Charlene and Danielle
- Emma – John Unsworth
- Notetaking and AI
- Document accessibility and Braille RFP work
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Suggestions for Lunch and Learns to Barb

Plan for the last Tuesday of each month for each L&L

VITA/Virginia Website Modernization Group

Established a connection with VITA years ago – let's reconnect for cross-collaborations with their work and their tools.

Plan to follow up at next month's meeting.

Newsletter of events?

Last year's emails were once-per-month just to make sure folks were aware of L&Ls, legislative updates – not trying to stay abreast of every accessibility-related topic, just 3-4 things each month (to keep the barrier to entry lower)

Is there value to having a "Title II corner" - resources, conversations, since this is currently such a hot-button issue.

- Danielle
- Korey (for continuity from last year's newsletter)
- Mark (for Title II)

Future Conversations

- Should we have more structured guidance / support mechanisms from VHEAP to help institutions with Title II?
 - Professional Development Resources
 - Free/Low-Cost
 - Does this make sense as a subcommittee?
 - Would pull in non-board members to ease the burden.
 - Rehash conversation with IAAP for VHEAP membership (professional development library)
 - Could end up as a summit with IAAP even if nothing else
 - From Danielle: <https://pressbooks.pub/accessforall/>
 - How do we survey our institutions to evaluate their needs with Title II?
 - Potentially a follow-up item from the Title II Lunch & Learn
- Compile a list of resources on our website – webinar recordings, publications, training materials, tutorials, etc.
- Identify how other institutions approach compliance to give institutions an idea of where to start or what's worked/not worked at other institutions.

Action Items

- Jason: Send L&L topics from Christa out to BOD
- Mark/Jason (if needed): VITA/Virginia Website Modernization Group follow-up

- Jason/Danielle/Korey/Mark: Monthly newsletter of events
 - Title II Corner (Mark/Jason)
- Title II Subcommittee
- Jason: Resource page on VHEAP website - webinar recordings, publications, training materials, tutorials, etc.
 - Identify how other institutions approach compliance to give folks a starting point for their conversations.