



EPIC Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Quick Recap/Reminder Purpose and Goals of EPIC**
 - Building a sustainable model for employment in CIE for individuals with significant disabilities including opportunities to grow and advance in employment
 - Individuals currently working in Subminimum Wage
 - Individuals who were recently working or previously employed in subminimum wage who are no longer working
 - Students who are at risk of entering non-integrated settings
- **Follow Up/ Schedule Previously Identified Professional Development Needs**
 - **Financial**
 - **Able Accounts Training** – Jonathan May can provide us with 30 - 60 minute overview of the AbleNow in July 9 meeting (at 11am)
 - **Will be in Abingdon to present on Able accounts, including a Q and A session, then group can discuss how to tap into able accounts for a wider audience – group agreed that would be helpful**
 - **Adrienne suggested the group submit questions or topics of interest for Jonathan to center his presentation around**
 - **Financial Health Overview (this is in addition to the SSA and Waiver services training) – separate 4-6 hour - Kurtis suggested breaking it down into small increments 6-10 minute, SGA levels change each year so current information and what is SGA and different benefit structures, main questions about ABLE and can they save for retirement; Dave Copeland – biggest question is about whether the young person can even work; how can folks become more**

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financially independent so they aren't taking a day off each month in order to avoid going over SGA?

- **Topics that we need?**
 - Budgeting tools/resources
 - SSA Overpayments
 - Behavioral Economics
 - **SSA Benefits/ Work Incentives (John: separate SSI and SSDI or is that too confusing?; separate a training for families/individuals outside of the professionals; most families will not understand, bullets on a PP for them)**
 - David Leon's team felt like this would be a day of 4-6 hours
 - For agency staff -
 - For Parents/Families (Lisa: parents without waiver are very hesitant to try work because if they lose the check they have a hard time getting it back; most of the people she serves who are under 21, the family wants them to work, but once they are older that number drops)
 - **Waiver services (overview)/benefits – DMAS/Arc**
 - For Families – plain language (how DARS can support with and without the waiver)
 - **Compassion fatigue/Burnout** - Managing Secondary Trauma Stress
 - **Therapeutic/Working Alliance** (possibly infused with metacognition)
- **No Wrong Door/ Virginia Easy Access training – overview and case example, Erika showed the back end of how to connect people with services**
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GWU: Adrienne, Sandi

DARS: John, Ingrid, Christi, Becky Terry – VRC, Cindy Copeland

NWD: Sara Link - Director, Erika Okonsky – Expansion Coordinator

Lisa Center for Family Involvement

Shannon Mt. Rodgers Adult education

Kurtis SE coordinator Mt. Rodgers

Dave Cofer, Bristol City Schools

Reviewed priorities/purpose of EPIC

- **(consider having guest speakers present first or show up later so they are not waiting through the LAC discussions)**

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