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Committee on Services to Individuals with Disabilities (CSID) Meeting
August 20, 2026
Eggs Up Grille, McAlister Square, 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607

Agenda

** Denotes an action item*

CSID Vision: All people with disabilities who would like to work can find work [measured by employment rate, unemployment rate].

Upcoming Meeting Dates: November 19, 2026

- I. **Welcome & Sign-In Sheet**
- II. **Call to Order**
- III. **Quorum Validation**
- IV. **May Minutes Approval**
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. Action Item Follow Ups
 - b. Member Updates
 - c. Member's Employment Outcomes / Pre-employment Program Outcomes
- VI. **New Business**
- VII. **NEXT MTG: November 19, 2026: 9 – 10 am at Eggs Up Grille, McAlister Square, 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607**
- VIII. **Adjourn**

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9:00 – 10:00 AM, Thursday, May 21, 2026
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Minutes

In Attendance: Allison Fleahman (BSHS Project SEARCH), Tammy Galindo (Vocational Rehabilitation), Sandy Jordan (Able SC), Lara Ceisel (BSF), and Laura Bogardus (Side by Side Strategies).

Absent: Tyler Rex (Thrive Upstate), Tiffany Foster (Goodwill), Carlene Zierfuss (GCS)

Guest: Sam Bogardus (Side by Side Strategies)

ACTION EACH MEETING: Each member is to provide a snapshot of their employment and pre-employment program performance data quarterly during each meeting.

2026 Meetings: August 20, and November 19, same time and place

Action Items

- **All members** forward updates, events, anything you would like to have added or changed to Sam's email at sam@sidebysidestrategies.com. Sam to post on website and/or social media
- **Lara:** Explore re-integrating the "needs and leads" group or similar resource-sharing mechanism for job matching and support within the community.
- **Laura:** Connect Nyroba to Tammy for her new outreach person
- **Laura:** Connect Nyroba with Allison for BSHS HR connection
- **Laura:** Confirm with the group to change the meeting from the third Thursday to the second Thursday (August 20 becomes August 13).
- **Laura and Sandy** to connect about SCORF

Meeting Summary. The meeting focused on updates and discussions regarding employment programs and initiatives for individuals with disabilities.

- I. **Meeting opened.** There was a quorum (4 voting members minimum). Minutes from the February meeting were approved. Action items from previous minutes reviewed. Confirm with the group to change the meeting from the third Thursday to the second Thursday (August 20 becomes August 13).
- II. **Updates.**
 - **Barbara Stone:** Lara reported that the program has hired new employees for programs. They held a successful Bingo Bash and have been selected by Wade Hampton High School for Spirit Week in Sept.
 - **Project SEARCH:** Allison reported that 4 of 10 interns have been hired. Looking for ways to engage parents. They are starting their Be Ready summer cohort. They will train BSHS on disability inclusion in the workplace. Reported on other progress with training, employment and great help from VR. Laura asked for a connection with HR. BSHS HR understands the population as leadership used to be with GCS. They are looking for ways to hire directly rather than through contractor. Adopting a GreenLink bus stop and looking at employee agreement for transportation, which they used to have.
 - **VR:** Has a new transition liaison. Laura suggested connecting with Nyrobi for information sharing, because he's really good at creating internships and employment opportunities. VR has a resource fair

on June 8. Will send info to Sam for posting. Closing a lot of cases and offering the resource fair to exited folks. Offering eye exams for free, lots of other resources will be available.

- **Laura** shared information about Recovery Friendly Workplaces. BSHS supports Jasmine Road. However they have a difficult time hiring people with backgrounds due to the healthcare environment. Able SC is seeing more requests for employers coming in about this topic. BSHS has physicians with knowledge of addiction.
- **Able SC:** Youth Advocacy program June 2, 9:30 to 12:30, for youth 13 to 28. Sandy will send this info. Oct 14 is the Employer Summit, hosted by Dominion Energy in Jenkinsville near Columbia. Has tracks for service providers as well as employers.
- **GPATS federal funding** – getting closer to receiving that. Going through a lot of steps, will be hiring a full-time staff member, will provide travel training. Using Uber or Lyft, and can pay individuals to help with transportation. Should be available in the fall. Laura can provide info to Sandy about SCORF if you want to pair some match money if riders are in recovery from OUD.

III. **Next Meeting: August 20, 2026 : 9 – 10 am**, Eggs Up Grille, McAlister Square, Greenville, SC
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IV. **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:03 am.

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