**Subminimum Wage Taskforce**

**Subcommittee: Programs & Funding**

**Meeting Report—11/17/2023**

**Attendees: Kimberly Tissot, Susan Davis, Becky Peters, Margaret Alewine, Tyler Rex**

1. **Reports on Activity Since Last Meeting**
   1. Tyler—Discussions with local VR leader and various 14c providers.
   2. Becky—Provider surveys are in final preparation for distribution.
   3. Margaret—Transportation review ongoing. Research in 7 other state systems is also ongoing.
   4. Kimberly—Discussion on a variety of topics and activities: ADA guidance emphasized disability rights. cooperation and funding systems. Office of Special Education partnership needed because IEP’s include sheltered workshops at target goals. Brown University provided continuing education programs (Could USC be a resource?). Flexible funding to allow for unbundling services and customized support.
2. **Discussion on Next Steps**
   1. Development of Manual / Toolkit
      1. Explore manual from 3rd party (*GiGi’s Playhouse*).
   2. Benefits training/planning
      1. Early Spring 2024
   3. Appropriation request to Senator Shealey / Grants
      1. Transition grants
      2. Minimum wage supplemental funding
         1. Survey from DDSN will contribute to request.
   4. Conference presentation at South Carolina Human Services Providers Association conference in March 2024.
3. **Next Subcommittee Meeting: December 15, 2023. 1:00 pm. Zoom.**