

## **Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART)**

A standing committee of the MW! Southwest Workforce Development Board

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**At the Upjohn Institute, 300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

**If you are unable to attend in person, you may connect virtually at**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157379776?pwd=bDR3ckszK3N6TVU5MUdiQ0NtMmpEQT09>

**Meeting ID: 811 5737 9776 Passcode: 056616 or dial US Toll Free using your phone:**

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## **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order** [2 min] Co-Chairs
  - A. Approval of Agenda
  - B. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2023 (*attached*)
- II. Introductions** [3 min]
- III. Program/Presentation**
  - A. Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan [20 min] Sarah Hutchinson-Chee
- IV. Agency Updates** [30 min] Members
- V. Emerging Issues Related to Employment & Advocacy** [10 min] Discussion
- VI. Collaboration – Partner Matrix – any additional updates?** (*attached*) [2 min] Kathy Olsen
- VII. Unique Customer Needs – Request for Input & Resources** [10 min] Discussion
- VIII. Professional Development Opportunities** [3 min]
  - A. Arc Community Advocates 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Inclusion Conference – Fri, Mar 15, 2024 from 8:30 am – 4 pm at WMU Fetzer Center – [Conference website](#)
  - B. Disability Network Southwest Michigan <http://www.dnswm.org/>
  - C. KPL ONEplace <https://www.kpl.gov/oneplace/>
  - D. The Synergy Health Center <https://synergykzoo.org/>
  - E. Incompass Michigan – <https://incompassmi.org/> - see the Education & Training tab
  - F. DART Desktop Training Modules <https://www.michiganworkssouthwest.org/resources/at-your-desktop-training>
- IX. Other Announcements** (not covered above)
- X. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. & Planning for 2025**
- XI. Adjournment** Co-Chairs

The Disability Awareness Resource Team (DART) is a standing committee of the Michigan Works! Southwest Workforce Development Board.

DART members represent businesses, service providers, advocates, and allies with expertise in assisting individuals with disabilities with their career, training, and employment needs.

DART members will inform, promote, and advise the WDB on strategies to support career pathways, training, and employment options for individuals with disabilities, including youth, to gain and retain employment.