

Policy & Legislative Committee Report – February 18th, 2016

William Ginn, Committee Chair

The P&L committee met in January to discuss the strategic plan. We walked through each objective of the plan and are making great strides to ensure that our goals are met for this year. The below listed objectives are what were discussed in the meeting:

- Objective 1.1 enhances the number of individual's services and coordinate activities with councils. Candidate forum will be held in later summer of this year and SILC will be partnering with ORC, ORC will be attending Family Alliance Resources for the DD council and other therefore, this objective 1.1 will be met by September 30th, 2016. ORC has requested the SPIL from SILC to coordinate accordingly.
- Attendance at SILC and vice versa are meeting the objective 1.2
- Objective 1.3 is being met due to the involvement with the committee members, ORC and DSU in regards to disability related legislation.
- With objective 1.4, ORC supports DSU with the access for all initiative and participates with the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development. ORC assists DSU with the development of the state plan and working with all CORE partners for WIOA. Therefore, the objective is being met.
- Activity 1 is to promote and increase the number of Job Seeker Stories. To date, ORC has successfully completed 10. This activity is being met.
- Activity 2 continues to be met as PM for ORC sits on the policy meetings for DSU.
- Activity 3 will be met when Disability Awareness Day takes place in April. Legislative guides from ORC will be supporting awareness day and ORC will have a booth.
- Activity 4 will be met as the Candidate Forum will be held in late summer of 2016.
- Activity 5 is met as ORC partners with Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) and National Council of State Administrators of the Blind (NCSAB). CSAVR is in April 2016 and chair, vice-chair, PM and Associate Director of Sponsored Programs will be attending.
- Activity 6 is met as ORC has provided public comment on policy changes, promoted consumer attendance at all public hearings and distributed flyers.
- The disability primer will be utilized for Disability Awareness Day to provide information to our legislators during visits with them and educating

them regarding disability issues. ORC is ready to start moving forward with a new primer that will not include the 25th anniversary of ADA to utilize for the next fiscal year due by July 2016. There was discussion of having a QR Reader put on the primer for easy access from other devices.