

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council
May 21, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: William Ginn, Judy Atkins, Melinda Dobbs, Tina Spence, Bill Dunham, Jackie Millspaugh, Katie Woodward

Members Absent: Juan Garcia, Sidna Madden, Terrisha Osborn, Brenda Fitzgerald, Joe Cordova, Jack McMahan

Others Present: Kim Osmani, Fatos Floyd, Renee Sansom, Paul Adams, Mark Kinnison, Melinda Freundt, Jean Jones

Council Support: Linda Jaco Director of Sponsored Programs OSU Department of Wellness, Theresa Hamrick, ORC Programs Manager and Haley George ORC Grant Coordinator.

Call to order and Roll Call: Bill Dunham ORC chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum established.

Consumer Comments/Announcements: None

Action Items:

-Approval of February 19, 2015 ORC Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Motion made to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

Committee Reports: Copies of reports provided in the ORC meeting packet.

ORC Executive Committee Report – Bill Dunham presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Policy & Legislative Committee – William Ginn presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Planning & Program Committee –Judy Atkins presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Transition & Employment –Jacki Millspaugh presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Workforce Systems Update- Melinda Freundt and Linda Jaco:

- Provided copy of the report for the council members through email
- Update on the WIOA work group and the WIOA federal law
- Update of Access for all partnership with Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation and Oklahoma ABLE Tech
- Oklahoma Works update

DRS Director Report- Joe Cordova:

No report given due to the absence of Joe Cordova, DRS Director

VS Administrator's Report –Give by Paul Adams for Doug Boone:

- Visual Services Division has entered into discussions for collaboration with Langston University, Tulsa campus.
 - Visual services would be referring those clients who could benefit from basic computer training, including Windows and Microsoft Office Suite.
 - Training would be based on two different tracks, one for employment and one for educational.
- Also in March we held training for VS PM's and FC's to successfully self-serve in a Chinese Buffet, without putting fingers into the food bins, spilling on the counter or floor and ending up with food neatly arranged on their plates.
- VS was represented by 5 staff members at the recent The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) and the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind (NCSAB) meet during the week of April 19 in Bethesda, MD.
- Coming up June 15-26 will be the TIP at UCO.
- We hope to have 14 students for this first of a kind program in Oklahoma. The program will teach basic survival skills such as meal preparation, cane travel, dorm life, shopping, braille skills, and assistive technology for use in everyday activities.
- VS collaborated with East Central University to provide training to students in their Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation tracks as well as VS Counselors and teachers.
- In April many of our staff attended state Convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma in Norman.

VR Administrator's Report – Mark Kinnison:

- Our security upgrades are almost complete, as we only have a few offices left.
- Review of numbers for VR. Overall, there has been an increase from last year.
- I was able to attend a Project Search at Integris Hospital, in which 6 students graduated with jobs.
- We have announced our Norman VR Specialist position that will serve a specialized population of disadvantaged youth with disabilities.
- We have announced our new AT Coordinator position, as well as our PM position that will work with the Vocational Evaluators and Psychological Clinicians.
- We are beginning to focus more on our successful outcomes rate, as we will be expected to have a 65% success rate by 2018.
- Some data that stuck out to me recently was that our training services in terms of higher education, and career tech was up approximately 22 %. This to me means

that our staff is engaging client's in taking a looking at higher pay jobs, and stable careers. We will continue to focus on the Governors initiative.

- We will begin to focus on the results of our employee engagement survey, and most recent customer satisfaction survey to make improvements that are deemed necessary.
- In April we had 33 individuals reaching the life-changing plateau of SGA level employment sustained over at least 9 months. This results in \$435,410.54 in revenue!
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DRS Field Coordinators' Report – Fatos Floyd:

Report provided in quarterly packet

Legislative Report – Jean Jones:

- Gave overview of:
 - New State Laws
 - Vetoed Laws
 - Pending Legislation
 - Dormant or Failed Bills

All provided in a word document and sent out via email to the council

Program Manager Report- Theresa Hamrick presented and reviewed the written report provided on the committee report packet.

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Report – Sidna Madden:

No report given due to the absence of Sidna Madden, SILC Executive Director.

Other Business:

- None at this time

New Business:

- Meeting moved to adjournment

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next ORC Quarterly Meeting August 20, 2015