

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council
May 19, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Bill Dunham, Melinda Bunch, Jane Ciorba, Noel Tyler, Rick DeRennaux, Audrey Farnum, Brenda Fitzgerald, Nancy Landrum, Terrisha Osborn, Tina Spence, Katie Woodward, Suzanne Williams, Kim Osmani, Lisa Graven

Members Absent: Jack McMahan, William Ginn, Ekutan Dannelley, Diana Garrett, Ginger Jagers, Elizabeth Reeve, Melinda Fruendt, Jean Jones

Others Present: Fatos Floyd, Tracy Brigham, Paul Adams, Sandi Wright, Leigha Pemberton, Heather Kohl, Lori Chestnut

Council Support: Linda Jaco Director of Sponsored Programs OSU Department of Wellness, Renee Sansom, 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 9:30 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum established.

Consumer Comments/Announcements: None

Action Items:

- Approval of February 18, 2016 ORC Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Motion made to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded and passed.
- Leigha Pemberton and Heather Kohl present on the upcoming Endeavor Games

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 – Renee Sansom presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Planning & Program Committee – Bill Dunham presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Transition & Employment – Terrisha Osborn presented and reviewed the written committee report.

Workforce Systems Update- Melinda Fruendt:

- No report was given due to the absence of Melinda Fruendt. Attached is her report that was sent out via email.



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DRS Interim Director Report- Noel Tyler:

- Currently 3 months into interim director position and still learning
- Focusing on interacting with staff, the community and partners to build relationships
- DRS could still face a 7% reduction in finances
- Staying up to date and involved in the workforce

VS Administrator's Report –Paul Adams

- VS salaries are up. Applications and active cases are currently down
- Urging all VS staff to keep their focus on clients and not letting them fall through the cracks
- Main focus on customer service and increasing skills of the clients
- Getting input from the staff on what needs to be done to see improvement
- Trying to attend all unit meetings as often as possible
- New staff over at the BEP
- Working to build OSB relationship and new programs
- Focus on the NewView and ABLE Tech partnerships
- Several job openings that we are working to fill

VR Administrator's Report – Mark Kinnison presented by Kim Osmani:

- Wages are up about 1% in VR at this point as compared to last year.
- Applications are up 531, plans are up 441, and successful outcomes are down 75 compared to last year at this time.
- The progress on WIOA remains slow. We have had additional meetings in the Southern and Central area. Melinda Fruendt, and I met with our OKDRS folks in the Central area to discuss specific services that OKDRS will bring to the table in regards to Comprehensive work centers.
- Disability Awareness Day was a success. I was very proud of VR efforts to help job seekers attend, and represent OKDRS. Big thanks to Jody, Dana, Brett, and Cathy for their good work on this.
- Summer is coming on soon, and we have many transition events coming up, which include three Ijobs sites which are Norman, OKC/FTTC, and Owasso. The kids in Owasso will earn an elective credit and five kids from Collinsville are joining the Owasso location. Two STEM camps will be offered. One will be in the NW area in Cherokee and SE area with Ada for kids with disabilities ages 14-18. This will be a partnership with the school districts, Tech-Now, Inc., and Think Through Math, Inc. These will be offered in June and July. There will be a new workshop offered called A3 (ACT Prep, Awareness, and Advocacy) specifically for juniors and seniors who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. This will be in Tulsa the last week of July, and we have invited regional VR partners to send their transition job seekers from Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri. Tulsa CC is a partner and they are providing meeting space and one interpreter. GALT is also a partner and they are providing lunch. In my previous reports I mentioned a summer camp titled Working on the Wichita's (WOW) which will offer summer work experience and employability skills training. Planning is under way for the 11th Annual Oklahoma Transition Institute. Recruitment for six Project Search sites is almost complete. The

partnership with DHS and the 55A Capitol Hill office initiated by the Road to Independence program continues to grow. We have received several referrals and applications and are working closely with the 55A staff to coordinate services for kids in foster care. We are even going to host a 2-day transition workshop in July for about 15 of the 55A kids. We continue to work with ODMHSAS on the ONIT program to help youth with mental illness through service coordination.

- Our Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit have hosted two town hall sessions in regards to employment services.
- Lesli Lennier is our new AT Coordinator. She is now trying to fill vacancies in her unit.
- We are continuing to do our best in hiring front line staff to meet the needs of job seekers.

DRS Field Coordinators' Report – Fatos Floyd:

Report provided in quarterly packet

Legislative Report – Jean Jones:

- No report given due to the absence of Jean Jones. Attached is her update that was sent out via email.



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Program Manager Report- Renee Sansom presented and reviewed the written report provided in the committee report packet.

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Report:

- No report given due to the absence of Elizabeth Reeve

Other Business:

- Workforce Development Board and Youth
 - No update given
- Committee Reps – Thadd Babb and Ali Bolz
 - No update given
- Special Guests- Tracy Brigham and Sandi Wright



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- WIOA and Transition – Kim Osmani



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- Update from Members

New Business:

- Executive Committee Discussion

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next ORC Quarterly Meeting August 18, 2016