

# Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 **Time** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Location - State Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Renee Sansom, Linda Jaco, Joe Cordova, Jack McMahan

**Members Absent:** Jackie Millspaugh, Bill Dunham and William Ginn

**Others Present:** Mark Kinnison, Doug Boon and Kyle King (Office of Disability Concerns, sitting in for William Ginn)

### **Report / Discussion:**

- Spring Hill Visits were discussed – Dates for CSAVR are April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jean and Renee are to consolidate information and split the Congressional packets up and get it done. Renee to get the appointments with staffers set up.
- DRS priority is to get staff to CSAVR – Mark, Doug and/or Joe to let Renee know fairly soon. ORC has requested that Jason Price go to CSAVR and to the hill as he is a strong advocate and experienced with Social Security issues which impact DRS funding.
- Mark stated that we have important topics / current events that will need to be included. Representatives and Senators should know about county breakdown data and about wages, ROI.
- Success stories – need some good stories coming from ORC. It was recommended that Renee get with Jason Price with SSI/SSDI to get those clients coming off of Social Security. We need to share these stories with legislators. Mark and Doug to explore ideas with ORC. Mark also is to keep reminding staff of the partnership with ORC and the success stories. Each office should have a goal set for ORC to get the stories. ORC will develop an elevator speech and script to use for clients when calling and discussing the success stories with them. ORC has called 27 clients and received responses from 4. There are several not willing to participate.
- Annual Report – The suggestion came to the table to send ORC Annual Report to all VR/VS offices / ORC to send email to all staff regarding ORC – Dana Tallon and Renee to discuss putting the ORC Annual Report on the web. All offices with receive 1 hard copy of the Annual Report. Renee to get those mailed out.

### **Review State Plan Portion of the Executive Committee:**

- Objective 1-1
  - Is being met as Renee submitted the Annual Report on 12/18/15.
- Objective 1-2
  - Is being met – Comes out of the Rehab Act and ORC is currently doing.
- Objective 1-3
  - The Council is extremely appreciative of the support that the DSU provides the council and DRS and ORC have an incredibly supportive relationship.
- Activity 1
  - This is currently being done. Example of this being done is today's meeting. Reports are shared with council and staff as needed.
- Activity 2

- PM works with the Governor's office to recruit, recommend and ensure membership compliance. This is being done and is met.
- Activity 3
  - ORC will get with Mark, Doug and Rob Gragg and Develop a Model, Plan of Action to actively recruit and outreach to businesses and disability organizations.
- Activity 4
  - This is being done as the FC's and DA's come to all quarterly meetings or someone comes in their place to report out
- Activity 5
  - ORC has been participating in all Workforce Development Board and Oklahoma Works partnerships statewide. Activity is being met.
- Activity 6
  - ORC will request a copy of the SPIL from Sidna to get objectives and goals so that SILC and ORC can better plan activities and coordinate with each other.
- Activity 7
  - This is being done and activity met. SILC has new representation on the council.
- Activity 8
  - This is being done and activity met as the new ORC website will be live soon and updated regularly.

**Updates:**

- Doug commented that the goals and activities are great throughout the ORC SP. With the new WIOA regs coming out, information on the ORC SP, may have to be tweaked and we will work those out as they come and act on them immediately when instructed. Hopefully we will know more by July 1, 2016. We will also know more about the comprehensive work centers at that time.
- It was mentioned that interviews will take place for a new position in VS that will work with Kim Osmani as a transition facilitator. Interviews will be held on 1/20/16.
- Joe discussed a new grant that is focusing on OJT/Internships/Apprenticeships/creative employment. Since transition is focused within WIOA, we can see areas that offer innovation for the transition aged youth

**Next Steps:**

- Doug, Mark, Rob and Renee to meet regarding a model / plan of action for business outreach.

**Time and location for the next meeting/ discussion: TBD**

**Adjourn**