

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council

Policy and Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Present: Renee Sansom, Linda Jaco, Jean Jones, Wade Walters, William Ginn, Brenda Fitzgerald, Katie Woodward

- Discussion of the progress with appropriate Legislative doorkeepers. William, Linda and Renee will be distributing the success stories and primers to the Legislator's Capitol mail after the beginning of the legislative session, in early February. The success stories have begun being prepared for FFY 2017. Renee has 2 to date and Brenda has 2 from Tribal to date.
- Discussion of the progress with the interface with the State Treasurer's Office. Renee and Milissa Gofourth met back in November with the State Treasurer's office. To date, the Treasurer's office for the ABLE Act has not begun any activity with the website. ORC PM and Milissa are in contact with State Treasurer's office personnel and the ORC will continue to support this effort from activity 7 on the SP.
- Jean Jones was present to discuss some legislation and bills. As of now, there is little to no real content to any bills, which we are aware of as the session has not yet begun. Jean did talk about the various confirmation hearings coming up for Cabinet positions and Department heads in DC. She is unsure of what may happen or who will be confirmed and/or nominated for various positions. Below are some bills that could be coming up. Also, Jean will be sending a legislative update after the session begins to the ORC PM and she will, in turn, send out to this legislative information to the group to highlight the bills that the committee would like to follow and focus on for the Strategic Plan.
 - Tax credits
 - Business Incentives
 - Bills regarding firearms are available
 - Bills regarding texting while driving / seatbelts
 - Education related bills
 - Revenue related measures
 - Disability Prevention
 - Expanding Sales Tax – Tax Services – will be a greater tax burden
- New Policy Initiatives for DRS
 - Hearings are set for February 6, 7 and 8
 - DRS has added pre-ETS definition – not described in federal rules because it is felt it is not needed by DRS.
- Disability Awareness Day
 - March 28th, 2017 – Jody Harlan to update Disability Awareness Day information at the next ORC Quarterly Meeting. There are changes that are being made as the result of the temporary construction closure of the Capitol facility.
- Updates

- Dana Tallon came to the meeting and discussed the Governor’s Executive Web Council Initiative Subcommittee for aging and disability communities’ web portal. This subcommittee will design / create a website available to the public as a “one-stop” portal for Oklahomans with disabilities and the aging population. There are 8 different health and human service agencies involved and Dana came to get user stories. The user stories will help develop the portal by receiving critical input from end users or those who work with and represent the two populations being addressed by the web portal. She is taking these user stories and reporting back to the subcommittee for feedback. Here is the link to the 4 minute video that explains in more detail along with the PDF file to download for the user story. Here is the video and the accessible formats: <http://www.okdrs.org/special-project/user-stories>
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