

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Strategic Planning Meeting, September 10, 2020 Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lori Chestnut, Council Chair, at 9:02 am.

Members Present: Lori Chesnut, Tim Yeahquo, William Ginn, Matthew Barnes, Amanda Burnside, Vicky Golightly, Melinda Fruendt, Shelly Rentz, Shelley Gladden, Jeff Newton, Jenifer Randle, Vikki Walls, Jerod Gleason, Angela Jaworski, and Sharon Harrison.

Members Absent: Kelli Bates and Donna Sanders

Others Present: Tina Calloway, Mark Kinnison, Tracy Brigham, Teresa McDermott, Renee Sansom, Tiffany Davis, Fatos Floyd, Stephanie Roe, Chris Kennedy, Terri Williams Murphy, Barrett Waltz, Tonya Garmin, Ernie Mbroh, Veronica Clark, and Shelby Templin.

Council Support Present: Linda Jaco, Director of Sponsored Programs OSU Department of Wellness, and Carolina Colclasure, ORC Program Manager (PM).

Consumer Comments/Announcements

None at this time.

Action Items

Welcome and Introduction/Announcements

All present introduced themselves.

Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Update

Executive Director Report – Melinda Fruendt

Executive Director Melinda Fruendt gave the Executive Director's Report.

- In her report, Director Fruendt addressed the Strategic Planning Meeting's importance and thanked the Members for their continued support.
- Director Fruendt recommended adding Tonya Garman as the DRS Liaison for the Policy and Legislative Committee. She is now coordinating the Policy Committee for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI).

- The State Plan was presented earlier this year, and DRS thanked ORC for its assistance. The partnership between ORC, DRS, and the work of Stephanie Roe made the process very simple. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) asked DRS to tighten up the goals that will be developed and worked on for FFY21, so please consider this when you meet in Committees today.
- Director Fruendt reported that in the past year, from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, (Program Year 19), DRS released 3,116 cases from the waiting list. The DRS Performance Team met monthly, and cleared a significant number of individuals from the waiting list and talked about the cases. They continue to do a fantastic job, and DRS is committed to serving as many Oklahomans with disabilities as possible.
- The DRS Executive Leadership Team attended the Governor's Leadership Summit. The Governor has three strategies:
 1. Customer-Centered
 2. Growth Oriented
 3. Next Generation Focused
- The Governor has a goal of becoming a Top Ten State. He has a scorecard that DRS will use to create its Strategic Plan (due on October 1).
- There is also a Dashboard of metrics that all State Agencies will be adding data to; the web address is <https://govdashboard.ok.gov>
- Lastly, Director Fruendt mentioned that the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped received the National Library of the Year Award from the Library of Congress.

Transit Plan – Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Presentation

There were three presenters: Ernie Mbroh, Veronica Clark, and Shelby Templin.

Here are some of the highlights of the presentation:

- The purpose of the Section 5310 program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.
- On April 25th, 2019, HB1365 was passed, creating the Office of Mobility and Public Transit (OMPT) within the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) as well as transfer responsibilities of ODOT's Transit Programs Division and FTA program funds from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to ODOT.

- ODOT Section 5310 Program Development Activities:
 - On June 30, 2020, the 5310 Program was presented.
 - The SMP and Application Public Comment period opened on June 29, 2020, through July 29, 2020.
 - The Town Hall Meetings for the 4 Regional Coordinated plans occurred on July 28 and July 30.
 - The final draft of the 5310 SMP was submitted to FTA on August 18, 2020, and it's now waiting on approval.
- Program Eligibility:
 - Funds Available: \$7,425,198
 - Eligible Applicants:
 - Private, not-for-profit corporations (can apply for traditional and enhanced projects)
 - Public agencies able to certify to the Governor that no private not-for-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service (are eligible to apply for traditional projects)
 - All public agencies and operators of public transportation services (are eligible to apply for enhanced projects)
 - Federally-recognized Indian entities (are eligible to apply for traditional and enhanced projects)
 - Private companies providing shared-ride services to the general public on a regular basis (are eligible to apply for enhanced projects)
 - Eligible Projects:
 - Vehicle Purchases and associated costs
 - Mobility Management

The complete PowerPoint presentation is available on [ORC's Website](#).

ORC: Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Lori Chesnut

The Executive Committee met via Zoom, and worked on the new ORC member appointments. All new members joining today for the first time were welcomed to ORC.

In regards to the Strategic Plan, the Executive Committee met all the objectives and activities for FFY20.

Program and Planning (P&P) Committee – Shelley Gladden

The P&P Committee met in June and reviewed the Strategic Plan. There were a couple of activities on hold or postponed due to COVID. The Committee will evaluate those activities today to decide if they will be continued in FFY21.

Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee – Jeff Newton

The P&L Committee met most goals and objectives during FFY20. Activity 4.7: ORC will assist with marketing and determine activities with the new Transit Plan, will be continued in FFY21.

Transition Committee

The Transition Committee met in June. The Committee will continue to share transition resources with the Council and DRS.

Activity 7.1: where a student and a family share a transition experience, was not completed because of COVID it will be continued in FFY21.

Employment Committee – Jen Randle

The DRS Business Summit is scheduled for October 15; please share this date with all contacts.

The Employment Committee met all the objectives and activities for FFY20.

Program Manager

Carolina Colclasure shared the upcoming dates for all FY2021 Committee Meetings and Quarterly Meetings.

Committee Break-Outs

The committees broke into groups to work on the FFY21 Strategic Plan (SP). A blank template of the SP was provided: the Committees reported back to the Council at noon.

The FFY21 SP templates were submitted to the ORC PM for formatting; the Executive Committee will meet on September 15 for final approval.

The next ORC Quarterly Meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 9:30 am, via Zoom.