

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Transition Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2021, at 10:45 am, via Zoom

Participants: Lori Chesnut, Shelly Rentz, Vicky Golightly, Steve Shepelwich, Angela Jaworski, Tiffany Davis, Barret Waltz, Renee Sansom, Linda Jaco, and Carolina Colclasure.

Discussion Items

Resources for DRS Transition Website

The Committee shared all the resources and data available this quarter with the Council and DRS.

Student and Family Involvement in Transition Planning

All the Committee members continue to share resources with the ORC Program Manager (PM) for dissemination. All resources are welcome and will be posted on ORC's website when available.

ORC – Sooner Success Partnership

The first Share Fair took place on December 3, 2020. There were four presentations:

- Sooner Success Services presented by Erin Strayhorn
- DRS Services presented by Renee Sansom
- Department of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Services information presented by Jennifer Upshaw
- Central Technology Center Services presented by Shelly Rentz

There were 12 attendees in the event; one parent reached out after the fair and was very thankful for all the information she received.

The second Share Fair will take place on February 25 at 11:30 am; the topic is Social Security. The ORC Program Manager (PM) will share the flyer with the Council for dissemination.

Needs Assessment Update

Unfortunately, there were not many options to work on the Needs Assessment in 2020. DRS has information from the COVID Client Survey, which will be used in the next Needs Assessment because it was a significant factor that will affect DRS clients and individuals with disabilities in Oklahoma in the future.

The plan for 2021 is to work on the minority section. Barret Waltz will be working on the information available to include it in the database; it will be used in future planning sessions.

The last Needs Assessment showed DRS partners indicated Administrative Barriers as one of the issues they face. The DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit wants to work on a separate survey for the partners that address that concern and ask if this is something that DRS needs to work on or a problem that the whole system faces and what can be done to fix these issues.

The Transition part of the Needs Assessment focuses on data. The Committee will assist DRS by providing the Child Count information in the next Committee meeting.

Professional Presentation during Quarterly Meeting

The Committee wants to share information and resources with parents and students to make the transition process as transparent and successful as possible. One of the objectives the Committee included this year is to invite a Transition professional to share available resources with the Council. Shelly Rentz and Renee Sansom will share information on the Career Exploration project with the Council during the August meeting.

Special Education Child Count

Lori Chesnut will share the FY 21 Child Count report during the March 25th Committee meeting.

DRS Student Checklist

Renee has been working with Brett Jones to update the DRS student checklist; the final version is not available yet. As soon as the draft is completed Renee will send it to the ORC PM for dissemination with the Committee.

Transition Folder Update

The information that will be utilized for the accessible folders was sent to ABLE Tech; Kim Omelia is working on this. A new update will be given during the March meeting.

Strategic Plan (SP) review

The Committee reviewed the SP. All objectives and activities are ongoing.

Time and location for the next meeting/discussion

ORC Quarterly Meeting – Thursday, February 18, at 9:30 via Zoom

Transition Committee Meeting – Thursday, March 25, at 10:45 via Zoom