

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council Program and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee met on Thursday, June 24, 2020, at 9 am via Zoom.

Participants: Shelley Gladden, Jerod Gleason, Tiffany Davis, Stephanie Roe, Linda Jaco, and Carolina Colclasure.

Strategic Plan Review

State Plan

Stephanie Roe shared that the modifications to the State Plan will start in FY 2022.

Also, DRS was notified that a State Plan Search Tool was developed; it comes directly from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). This tool will allow users across states, or in their State Plan, to search by keywords or by activities from different states.

2017-2019 Needs Assessment Focus Group

The Committee and the DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit hosted the Needs Assessment Focus Group on May 17, at 10 am, via Zoom. There were 16 people in attendance, including the Committee Members and the DRS Liaisons.

The topics discussed included:

- Benefits Planning
- Soft Skills and Interview Skills
- Transition Aged Youth
- Administrative Barriers when Serving Transition-aged Youth
- Ideas to Expand Job Training Opportunities
- Transportation
- Partnering for Underserved and Unserved Populations
- Community Rehabilitation Programs
- COVID and Working with Schools

The participants provided feedback based on their experience and the area of the State they live and work in, and the programs they use for their clients. The PI Unit compiled the information and created a report shared with the DRS Executive Team.

In addition to the May 17 Focus Group, the PI Unit hosted two internal Focus Groups that included DRS Counselors, Benefits Planners, Rehabilitation Technicians, and Field Coordinators.

The P&P Committee will have the Focus Group report available during the Strategic Planning Meeting in September and will use it to create new activities or objectives if applicable.

Open Case Survey Pilot Update

The ORC has purchased four more iPads for the pilot. They will be used in different offices, including two for the Hispanic Unit, one in Oklahoma City, and one for the Tulsa office, one for the Benefits Planners office and one for State Office.

As DRS is on phase three of its re-entry plan, the Counselors are having more in-person meetings with clients, and the PI Unit hopes to restart the Open Case Survey pilot in the fall of 2021.

Member Updates

Shelley Gladden shared that ABLE Tech's non-profit partner, the OkAT Foundation, received a \$500,000 grant to help support the acquisition of Assistive Technology (AT).

Time and location for the next meeting

ORC Quarterly Meeting – Thursday, August 19 – 9:30 am

ORC Strategic Planning Meeting – Thursday, September 9 – 9:00 am