

Olmstead Council Meeting

February 4, 2016 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bureau of Senior Services, Charleston Town Center Mall

Attending: Dave Sanders, Ardella Cottrill, Teresa McDonough, Leslie Cottrell (phone), Marcus Canaday, Darla Ervin (phone), Susan Given, Jeannie Elkins, Mark Fordyce, Laura Friend (phone), Nancy Fry (phone), Roy Herzbach, Suzanne Messenger, Ann McDaniel, Kim Nuckles, Carissa Shirley, Tracy White, Richard Ward and Steve Wiseman (all Council members), Vanessa VanGilder (Olmstead coordinator) and Megan Cobb, student intern. Martha Minter from Community Access attended in the afternoon.

Chairperson Suzanne Messenger chaired the meeting, which began at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Reading of the Mission Statement

Vanessa VanGilder read the mission statement.

Approval of December 2015 meeting minutes

Darla Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. Mark Fordyce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership Update

Steve Wiseman gave the Membership Committee update. Currently there are two vacancies for people with disabilities or immediate family members, an ADW provider, a person representing employment, a person representing housing a person representing the Centers for Independent Living. Steve made a recommendation that Jim Womeldorff, the new Executive Director of Job Squad, fill the employment position and Amber Hinkle from Open Doors, which is an IDD Waiver provider, be recommended for membership on the Council. There is a person from the housing arena that is interested and there will be follow up that that person. Jan Derry is not able to continue in the CIL position and it was suggested that Cathy Hutchinson move to that position. We are waiting to hear from the WVCIL to make sure that is their recommendation.

Steve went over the Executive Committee positions and there is currently one vacancy. Two people have expressed interest in the vice chair position but no one has requested to be chair. Steve read the job description of the chair and Mark Fordyce said that he would be interested in the position. It was decided to go ahead and have elections at this meeting, per the bylaws. Steve advised that Mark had made a self-nomination for the position. Nancy made a motion to close the nominations and Darla seconded it. It passed with Mark abstaining.

For vice chair there were two people interested in the position, Suzanne Messenger and Cathy Hutchinson. Following a vote, Suzanne will be the vice chair. Cathy will still be a member of the Executive Committee. Other members of the Executive Committee are Jeannie Elkins and Steve Wiseman. Nancy Fry will retain the seat as past chair.

Steve reported that there is still one open position for at large. It was decided ask for names of interested people.

Steve asked the Council to approve the Membership Committee nomination for Jim Womeldorff to the Council and Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve asked the Council to approve the Membership Committee nomination for Amber Hinkle of Open Doors for the IDD Waiver representative. The motion passed.

Grant and Budget

Vanessa reported that the grant money paperwork has been received by Community Access. \$163,900 is available for the Transition and Diversion program. Other money was set aside for meeting costs, assisting with Olmstead related trainings and public forums. Any money not used in those categories by the end of the fiscal year can be used for Transition and Diversion.

Revising the Olmstead Plan

Vanessa read over the 10 goals of the Olmstead Plan and members talked about many of the topics and priorities including adding employment as a goal, segregated day services, Medicaid Home and Community Based Services rules, adding the No Wrong Door approach to long term care supports and services as a goal, person centered planning, alternatives to facility placement, waiting lists for

home and community based programs, the certificate of need process, budget cuts, and a broader stakeholder involvement.

Marcus and Ann both suggested that there should be a process to review and update the plan regularly. Ann suggested getting information from other groups that has solicited feedback recently including the Statewide Independent Living Council, the Division of Rehab Services, the Developmental Disabilities Council and others. Vanessa will check with various organizations and ask that they share their information. There was also discussion of having forums in the summer.

Ann suggested that in November we work with the new governor and staff to build support and do an executive order.

Following discussion, Suzanne suggested that we have public forums after reviewing the input we receive from other agencies and entities that have recently done public forum and information gathering. Ann proposed that the committee lay out a timeline and come back with recommendations to gather further public feedback. Marcus suggested that this be done by the next meeting date.

Public Forum

Darla informed the Council that she is the legislative liaison for People First and that they have a Facebook page. She brought to the Council's attention House Bill 4338, which would put the IDD Waiver back to the way it was before July 1, 2015 and that no changes would be made without legislators seeing it first. The bill has been sent to Health and Human Resources and will then go to Finance.

No one from the public was in attendance to address the Council.

Transition and Diversion Program

Council members discussed having a waiting list for the Olmstead Transition and Diversion program when no funding is available and also what is "at imminent risk of institutionalization." Suzanne reported that we do not have a definition and we don't ask specific questions concerning this on the application. Suzanne added that Wisconsin uses a federal definition from CMS which says that the person may require institutional care in 6-8 week. Michigan uses it as a prioritization tool in their waiver program. Martha Minter from Community Access also attended the

meeting and talked about trends for the program, including the increasing number of lift chairs that are being purchased. There was also talk about various costs and items, such as lift chairs, and the range of amounts for them. There was also conversation about state purchasing guidelines.

Council members discussed risk factors for people having to go to nursing homes including falls, number of times hospitalized, decline in health and a change in lifestyles. It was also suggested that a person get two estimates Suzanne reminded Council members that changes that were recommended could not take place until the next fiscal year.

It was suggested that a small group look at the definition of imminent risk of institutionalization and to bring information back to the Council at the next meeting. That group will be Marcus, Suzanne and Roy.

Along with the conversation of transitioning people, Marcus gave a report on the Take Me Home WV program. He reported that a sustainability plan had been submitted but that there was not nearly enough money to fund all the requests from the various states. He said that West Virginia was asked to reduce their request by 65 percent. There will be a meeting of the Advisory Council coming up to discuss this.

Open Discussion/Announcements

Tracy announced that the Fair Shake Network legislative training will be held on Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. and that there are 120 people registered. Wednesday will be Disability Advocacy Day at the legislature there are 31 exhibitors. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to wear red and to visit their senators and delegates.

Next meeting

Ardella made a motion to adjourn at 3 p.m. and Tracy seconded it. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. at the Bureau of Senior Services at the Town Center Mall.