

## **Olmstead Council Meeting**

Thursday, August 4, 2016 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bureau of Senior Services, Charleston Town Center Mall

Attending: Marcus Canaday, Joyce Floyd, Suzanne Messenger, Ardella Cottrill, Leslie Cottrell, Jeannie Elkins, Mark Fordyce, Nancy Fry, Roy Herzbach, Ann McDaniel, Richard Ward, Dave Sanders, Angela Breeden, Rebecca Nicholas, Pat Nisbet, Amber Hinkle, Jim Womeldorff, Regenia Mayne, Regina Mayolo, Kim Nuckles, Cindy Tucker, Steve Wiseman and Vanessa VanGilder

Chairperson Mark Fordyce 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**

Cindy Tucker read the mission statement.

### **Approval of May 5, 2016 meeting minutes**

Ardella Cottrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting. Ann McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Public Forum**

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

### **Membership Update**

Vanessa VanGilder gave the Membership Committee update. The last open position is for an Ad Waiver provider and Jenny Sutherland has been recommended for that position. Jenny was a member previously representing another organization. Ann made a motion to approve Jenny for the position and Ardella seconded it. The motion passed.

### **Take Me Home WV Update**

Marcus Canaday reported that as of tomorrow there will be 40 transitions this calendar year, well ahead of the past two years. They are revising operational protocol and are working on transition services for the AD and TBI waivers with

Pat Nisbet. The Incident Management System is back on track. There has been draft federal legislation to extend MFTP for 5 years. The current program officially expires at the end of September and then there is 4 years to use the unspent funds. If they do extend the program, the enhanced match will continue. The goal for this year is 80 transitions.

Take Me Home sponsored two assistive technology trainings in Morgantown and Charleston. There is talk about offering this to AD Waiver managers in Flatwoods in October.

### **Grant and Budget and Transition and Diversion Program**

Vanessa reported that the second training that the Olmstead Office would be a sponsor of is the WV Housing Conference, which will take place in September in Charleston.

She also read several thank you notes from people who had received assistance from the program.

There was discussion of what imminent risk of institutionalization means. It means immediate and that placement is being sought or considered. Roy also added the fall risk and the chance of being injured from a fall. Ann suggested a “tiered waiting list” and Suzanne talked about possibly doing only a portion of the money each month.

Regina reported that there is a loan closet for items including assistive technology. She will send a list of that is in the loan closet.

There was also Conversation about the WVU CED discharge planning grant for positive behavioral health services and also discharge planning for those in Sharpe and Bateman. Other topics of dialogue included wraparound services, and housing availability.

Other resources were discussed including the Housing Development Fund, which could help with the physical aspects of diversion.

### **Revising the Olmstead Plan**

The committee has met several times and is continuing to work on #6 - Eliminating Institutional Bias. There is a need to develop a definition of what is the

“most integrated setting.” Ann suggested meeting with gubernatorial candidates and ask them about supporting the Olmstead Plan. It was also suggested to do a “state of the state” for a possibly beginning to a new plan. There was discussion of adding school transition to employment for youth, employment and alternatives to placement settings. Steve added that we also need to work on changes in service delivery, options to segregated settings, reduction of institutional settings and state health plan policies that allow people to be moved around. Pat added that the certificate of need process for personal care has been changed and that more agencies can apply to be personal care providers. Pat added that all three waivers have the self-direction option.

Steve reminded Council members that our Plan doesn’t have benchmarks, timelines or outcomes. We need to have a more aggressive working plan. Suzanne added that it would be in our government’s best interest to comply with Olmstead. Ann suggested that the responsibilities need to be clearer and that we need timelines.

It was suggested that a new administration may be more open at the beginning of their term. Mark suggested that the working group continue their work and report back at the November 3 meeting.

Other issues discussed were measuring institutional bias, analyzing the long term care system, waiting lists, need for a mental health waiver and more money for the IDD Waiver, need for ACT programs, services for people in homeless shelters, workforce issues, direct care staff, the state background check process.

### **Open Discussion/Announcements**

Ardella announced that Bridges of Respect is having a conference September 8-10 in Fairmont. She will send a flyer to be forwarded to everyone.

### **Next meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Bureau of Senior Services at the Town Center Mall. The Executive Committee will meet at 9 a.m. that day.