

## **Olmstead Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 4, 2017 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bureau of Senior Services, Charleston Town Center Mall

Attending: Dave Sanders (for Elliott Birckhead), Angela Breeden, Marcus Canaday, Ardella Cottrill, Jeannie Elkins, Joyce Floyd, Mark Fordyce, Nancy Fry, Susan Given, Amber Hinkle, Regina Mayolo, Ann McDaniel, Luann Summers (for Pat Nisbet), Kim Nuckles, Meredith Pride, Carissa Shirley, Cindy Tucker, Richard Ward, Steve Wiseman, Vanessa VanGilder and Nancy Sullivan (guest). Rebecca Nicholas, Jenni Sutherland and Jim Womeldorff tried to call in but the Bureau of Senior Services conference call system wasn't working.

Chairperson Mark Fordyce chaired the meeting, which began at 10:07 a.m. Regina Mayolo read the mission statement.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Members were welcomed and introductions were made.

### **Approval of February 2, 2017 meeting minutes**

Ann made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction to the spelling of Meredith Pride's name and Steve seconded it. The motion passed.

### **Public Forum**

No one from the public was in attendance.

### **Legislative Update**

Ann McDaniel gave a legislative update. There were 1802 bill introduced. Of those, 132 House bills passed and 130 Senate bills passed. The Fair Shake Network followed 137 of the bills. Ann has sent out a list of all the bills that have passed. The Governor has called a special session beginning Thursday, May 4 at 11 a.m. There are bills to generate revenue on the agenda but not the budget bill.

Ann went over several bills that passed during the legislative session that could possible impact Olmstead.

There was also discussion of bills that did not pass including SB423 – requirements on the sizes of residential settings, SB610 – universal design in state assisted houses and SB346 – providers for non-emergency medical transportation. There was also discussion concerning

legislative involvement in state waivers, “return to learn” legislation for TBI survivors, LEAD-K legislation and bills concerning the sale of state owned facilities.

### **Membership Update**

Melissa Southall from People First has been contacting to fill that position on the Olmstead Council and she will be designating someone soon. There are still three vacancies for people with disabilities or family members. Regina offered to send the information out and it was suggested that we send the information to Anne Weeks to put on the Mountain State CILS website.

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

Marcus reported that as of May 3 there had been 24 transitions in this calendar year, which was up 33 percent from the same time last year. Last year Take Me Home transitioned 78 people and the goal was 80. Intakes and referrals are both up and plans are continuing to move the demonstrations services to the Aged and Disabled and TBI waivers effective January 1, 2018. This is all contingent on the federal budget.

Marcus also discussed some of the sustainability activities including planning for an online housing registry and the online case management system. The benefits of the online system will be efficiency for providers and searchable data. Quality reviews could be done from Charleston although some onsite reviews would still be needed. Preliminary work is also being done for a telehealth pilot. They would also like to do some additional assistive technology training.

### **Transition and Diversion program**

In January 108 applications were approved, spending \$131,746. We assisted one transition. For February there were 64 applications approved for \$69,178 with two transitions. For March there were 26 applications approved for \$29,701 with three transitions. In April there were 40 applications approved for \$57,714.

There is approximately \$55,000 remaining in this fiscal year.

### **Revising the Olmstead Plan**

There was lengthy discussion concerning the path to take for possibly revising the Olmstead Plan. The conversation included not having all stakeholders at the table and buy in from the administration and the Governor. Also mentioned was education for both stakeholders and the general public. Financial considerations and lack of services in West Virginia were also talked about. Rebalancing and the possibility of a mental health waiver were also mentioned.

Marcus Canaday mentioned that CMS may be able to provide funding to have regional forums around the state, possibly similar to the Governors Substance Abuse Task Force meetings. It was suggested that we don't say Olmstead but come up with a catchy phrase about civil rights for people with disabilities to make people curious.

The Olmstead Plan Committee that has been working on updating the Plan will meet after Marcus has information on funding. Regina and Marcus offered to be a part of the committee.

### **Open Discussion/Announcements**

Carissa announced that is Older Americans Act month and that every Tuesday during the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there are tables and vendors set up outside the Bureau of Senior Services office at the Town Center mall to help educate seniors and people with disabilities. There will be Elder Abuse Awareness training on Thursday, June 15 at the University of Charleston.

Regina reported that the Universal Design Conference will be held May 15-17 at the Charleston Civic Center.

Ann announced that this Saturday, May 6 there will be a memorial/party honoring Cathy Hutchinson from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Mountain State Center for Independent Living in Huntington.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Bureau of Senior Services at the Town Center Mall.