

Olmstead Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 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, Lesley Cottrell (phone), Jeannie Elkins, Joyce Floyd, Mark Fordyce, Nancy Fry, Stephanie Thorn (for Susan Given), Roy Herzbach, Amber Hinkle, Ann McDaniel, Rebecca Nicholas (phone), Pat Nisbet, Kim Nuckles, Meredith Pride, Richard Stonestreet, Jenni Sutherland, Richard Ward, Jim Cremeans (for Steve Wiseman) Jim Womeldorff, Vanessa VanGilder, Michael Meadows, Chrissy Cantley, and Manuel Campos.

Chairperson Mark Fordyce chaired the meeting, which began at 10 a.m. Rich Stonestreet read the mission statement.

Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of August 3, 2017 meeting minutes

Ann made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting and Ardella seconded it. The motion passed.

Remembering Regina Mayolo

Council members took a few moments to remember Regina Mayolo, a member of our Council, who passed away a few weeks ago. She was an expert in Housing, the ADA, service animals and assistive technology. A celebration of Regina's life will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Morgantown.

Public Forum

No one from the public was in attendance.

Guest Speaker

Nikki Tennis from the Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities spoke about the Children's Mental Health Wraparound Pilot Project which began in 2016. She spoke about the criteria for the program and the counties services and how the project works with local agencies. She gave information on the referral process and gave examples of things that the program could assist with. She also explained about Children's Mobile Crisis Response Teams and the areas that they serve. Other programs highlighted were the Children's Clinical Outreach which is in the 13 comprehensive centers and the Regional Youth Service Centers.

New Waiver Budget Methodology

Pat Nisbet gave a short presentation on the new budget methodology for the ISS Waiver, which begins on July 1, 2018. She explained the background on how the new methodology

came to be. She announced that there will be trainings on Charleston on November 7, 2017 and in Bridgeport on November 9, 2017. She also advised that the new waiver manual will be out for public comment from November 15 to December 14. The new manual will start February 1. Pat explained the methodology and the 2 age categories, 7 living settings and the ad on process which is dependent on the persons ICAP score. This process was developed by looking at what people have been spending, rather than what their budget is. There is also an exception process that people can apply for and a fair hearing request process.

Membership Update

Membership chairperson Ardella Cottrill presented three applications for membership to the Council. These were all for the seats for people with disabilities and/or family members. Ann made a motion and Jenni seconded it to approve Christina Cantley of Oak Hill, Manual Campos of Spencer and Michael Meadows of Charleston to the Council. The motion passed.

Take Me Home WV Update

Marcus Canaday gave a short overview of the Take Me Home WV program for the new members. The goal of the program is to transition people out of facilities and also to promote systems change and community based options. As of yesterday (11/1/2017), 76 people have been transitioned this calendar year. The goal for the year is 80. There are currently 121 people somewhere in the transition process.

Grant/Budget

The grant and budget for FY2018 has not been received yet. There may be a small increase from last year but we will not be getting the additional transition and diversion money from the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities that we have in previous years.

Transition and Diversion program

With the additional money from the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, we were able to help 310 people with 11 of those being transitions. The last one was only able to receive a small portion of what was needed due to the lack of funding. Two other people also requested assistance but there was no funding. We currently have approximately 50 applications for about \$85,000. Council members talked about what the definition of imminent risk was, due to less funding being available this year.

Revising the Olmstead Plan

Following lunch, the Council members took look at each one of the 10 components of the Olmstead Plan and talked about each of them and things that have been accomplished, things that are in the process and some things that will possibly never be accomplished or the task or

language is outdated. This information will be used along with information from the forums we may have if CMS funds our proposal.

Informed Choice – need an advertising campaign, Bureau of Senior Services website, No Wrong Door (need a copy of the plan), 211, HELP4WV, ADRCs, Legal Aid, Disability Rights, outreach to people in segregated settings, advocacy groups, social agencies, DHHR BMS and field offices, One Steps (Work for WV), Money Follows the Person has money for No Wrong Door, AARP resource guide for caregivers.

Identification – segregated settings, institutions, education, prisoners, Disability Rights West Virginia, forensic individuals, partnership with WVMA, Section Q, new nursing home regulations

Transition – Money Follows the Person, Olmstead Transition and Diversion, people who don't meet the criteria for MFP. PASSs are not reevaluated, does BBHMF have the information on who goes in and out, people who transition without MFP and Olmstead, need to enhance JCBS for diversions, housing, CILS – 5th core service.

Diversion – hard to document, what is diversion? No Wrong Door – key access points, education and training, technology has changed.

Reasonable Pace - children with disabilities community service program – can get medical cards, Benjamin H has dissolved. Self-directed program, share information – Disability Rights of West Virginia and Legal Aid, releasing new slots, AD Waiver waiting list was cleared last year – now at 500, IDD waiting list is now at 1,200, TBI wait list is 6 or 7. Information is sent out to people on the waiting list with the ADRC information and two pages of resources. Needs exceed funding. Other programs and resources to look at – housing and transportation.

Eliminating Institutional Bias – analyze the LTC care – feasibility study – DONE. Need training and education on commitment. Disability Rights of WV is working on this. Every county is different. Mental hygiene commissioners will not approve mental hygiene petitions. People aren't getting treated. Increases the homelessness population. A guardian can admit a person without going through the mental hygiene process.

Self-Direction – community based options are available in all three waivers – progress. Person centered planning, should try and do the Community First Choice option – no waiting list. Advisory Councils for the waiver have opportunities for public comment, people with disabilities have the opportunity to comment.

Rights Protection – OHFLAC regulations, - legislation for hospitals 64- CSR – 59 and community 64 – CSR – 79. Are out for public comment, Rights - grievance policies and procedures, every agency should have a complaint/grievance process – timely manner, accessible formats, objective needs to be clearer, every agency needs to have a process – other programs not just DHHR.

Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement – people participating in waiver quality councils, quality councils are looking at deaths, advancement of waivers, online testing of the incident management system – hoping to expand, research projects and phone surveys

Community Based Supports – crisis supports, peer mentoring, AMAPs are available but people don't use them, SUD waiver will start January 1, 2018 and will include peer support, behavioral health has evolved – HELP4WV, long term recovery, Ryan Brown money, PATH, housing, homeless populations, NEMT, DRS is doing outreach to people who are incarcerated and people who have mental health uses, recovery coaches, need more caregivers.

Following the key components of the plan, Council members agreed that there have been numerous changes in society from 12 years ago when the plan was written including substance abuse, corrections, children being raised by grandparents, homelessness, federal and state funding, and children being born to addicted mothers is causing disabilities. People in the community need to work together to solve these problems and need vision, resources and plans.

Open Discussion/Announcements

Mark reminded everyone about the new Budget Methodology trainings that Pat spoke about in Charleston and Bridgeport.

Ardella announced that the WV Behavioral Health Planning Council is looking for youth members ages 18-25.

Jeannie reported that the Fair Shake Network annual training would be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and Disability Advocacy Day will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Meeting Date for 2018

Meeting dates for 2018 were discussed. The meeting dates will be February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 14:45 p.m.