

Olmstead Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 2, 2018 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bureau of Senior Services, Charleston Town Center Mall

Attending: Dave Sanders (for Elliott Birckhead), Sally Blackburn, Marcus Canaday, Renee Chapman, Ardella Cottrill, Jeannie Elkins, Joyce Floyd, Mark Fordyce, Nancy Fry, Susan Given, Roy Herzbach, Amber Hinkle, Ann McDaniel, Suzanne Messenger, Teresa McDonough (for Pat Nisbet), Paul Smith, Rich Stonestreet (phone), Jenni Sutherland, Jim Cremeans (for Steve Wiseman), Vanessa VanGilder, Jalen Floyd, Jeff Lane, and Christine Wilcox.

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

Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of May 3, 2018 meeting minutes

Ann McDaniel made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 3 meeting with a correction on the Title 64CSR74 regulation and Stephanie Thorn's name being misspelled. Joyce seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Public Forum

Robert Riser, a behavioral support professional for the IDD Waiver attended the meeting and explained to the Council about a change in the waiver manual that took place in February 2018 concerning prevocational services and the location(s) where these services can be provided. He has contacted Disability Rights West Virginia and has also filed an Office of Civil Rights complaint on the federal level. Susan noted that the waiver manual was put out for public comment and that CMS approved it. Ann made a motion that the Council write a letter to the Bureau for Medical Services with a copy to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the governor that the manual change is in violation of Title II of the ADA and is not in compliance with the Olmstead decision and that we want to see them change the manual. Joyce seconded the motion with Marcus, Roy and Teresa abstaining from the vote.

Following the Take Me Home report, Pat Nisbet from BMS was able to join the meeting by phone to share information on Mr. Riser's concerns. She said that the Office of Civil Rights has been in touch with them. She explained that the manual was changed in February 2018 and she explained about prevocational services and what can be billed. She said some of those hours could be performed in the community. The person just has to start and stop at the particular location. She said that the Office of Civil Rights has the complaint and is doing an investigation and the manual will be changed if they say to. She also reminded the Council

that CMS did approve the waiver manual. Pat answered several questions from Olmstead Council members.

Presentation

Jeff Lane, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver program manager for the Bureau for Medical Services, gave a presentation on the new SUD waiver. He explained that the goal of the waiver is a comprehensive continuum of care for presentation and treatment of substance use. He shared his background and also some history of substance use/abuse. He described the various services that are included such as SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). In Phase 2, which began in July 2018 there is also coverage for residential treatment. Other services include Peer Recovery Support Services and Quick Response Teams.

Take Me Home WV Update

Marcus Canaday reported that transitions are slightly behind last year, which has a total of 92. The goal for 2018 is 80. He is continuing to work on transitioning the program into the waiver programs. They are still working with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services on some of the services but the essential services will not change.

The case management pilot project is kicking off this week. The No Wrong Door project has been kicked off with the first meeting scheduled for August 23. The first meeting for the telehealth project will be held on August 8. The long-awaited Incident Management System was kicked off on July 2.

Take Me Home has hired a quality manager, Randy Hill, who will be looking at quality management across all three waivers and state plan personal care and will present recommendations to leadership at Medicaid on quality improvements. The position is funded through September 2020.

Membership Update

Ardella gave a membership report. There is still an opening for a person with a disability or family member and a person for housing. Nancy has someone who may be interested in the housing position and she was hoping to attend the meeting but wasn't able to. Ardella reported that both she and Vanessa have been trying to contact People First for someone to attend. Jim Cremeans reported that the ARC of the Mid-Ohio Valley is close to hiring a new director and that person could be contacted.

Transition and Diversion program

Vanessa reported that there has been some money held until the near end of the fiscal year for transitions. We have helped about 140 people and five of those have been transitions. There

will be approximately \$18,000 left and anyone wishing to stay after the meeting to look at applications is welcome to.

Teresa reported that under the new program, food will not be covered and the group talked about other resources for a person's initial food supply.

Olmstead Annual Report

The Olmstead annual report has been sent into DHHR communications.

Revising the Olmstead Plan

Vanessa and Marcus met prior to the Olmstead Council meeting to finish up the contracts for the Olmstead public forums. Julie Pratt will be working on facilitating 8 public forums in 4 locations. The public forum committee was made up of Mark, Meredith and Joyce and plans are being made for an afternoon and an evening session at Huntington, Beckley, Parkersburg and Fairmont. These were selected because they were close to the cities with the highest populations. People who cannot attend can still participate in focus groups and give comments online.

Open Discussion/Announcements

Ardella announced that the WV Behavioral Health Planning Council has a youth seat open for those ages 18-24.

Teresa reported that there are public forums being planned for the 2020 Aged and Disabled Waiver application. There will be an afternoon meeting on August 15 in Summersville and additional meetings in Beckley and Charleston. Public meetings for the TBI waiver are also being scheduled and include September 17 in Huntington, Sept. 18 in Beckley, October 22 in Lewis County, October 23 in Keyser and October 24 in Morgantown. All of the information is on the BMS website.

Susan announced that Disability Rights West Virginia has a new P & A program for beneficiaries of Social Security who have representative payees. The program started August 1 and DRWV is going to do reviews, and will also train beneficiaries.

Jim Cremeans gave information on a free workshop, sponsored by the Development Disabilities Council, entitled "First do No Harm". This training will include information on palliative care, ethics and medical practices. The event will be held on September 5 at Embassy Suites at 6:30 with a film on euthanasia and then a daylong meeting, also at the Embassy Suites on September 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mark asked if Council members had any suggestions for presenters and to contact him or Vanessa with suggestions.

Jeannie announced that the Autism Society of WV is sponsoring an Autism Across the Lifespan conference September 6-7 at Marshall. On September 7 Peter Gerhardt will speak.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018.