

Olmstead Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2019

Olmstead Mission Statement

The mission of the Council is to develop and monitor the implementation of a plan to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities to live, learn, work and participate in the most integrated setting in the community of their choice through West Virginia's compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Olmstead Vision Statement

The vision of the Council is for all West Virginians with disabilities to live, learn, work and participate in the most integrated setting in the community of their choice.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mark Fordyce, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Attendance:

Carissa Davis, Mark Fordyce, Ardella Cottrill, Lynsay Frye, Nancy Fry, Joyce Floyd, Teresa McDonough, Rich Ward, Marcus Canaday, Amber Hinkle, Susan Given, Ann McDaniel, Steve Wiseman, Sally Blackburn, Roy Herzbach, Renee Chapman, Elliott Birkhead, Kim Nuckles, Suzanne Messenger (phone), Jim Womeldorff (phone), Paul Smith (phone), and Angie Breeden (phone)

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ann McDaniel read the mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joyce Floyd made a motion to approve August 2019 minutes and Ardella Cottrill seconded the motion. Steve clarified his comments in the Minutes of the August 1st meeting. He spoke about a change regarding employment and the I/DD Waiver. The services to support people to get and keep employment can still be paid through the I/DD Waiver. Agencies may not bill to pay people served through the Waiver to work for the agency. This would be a violation of the Home and Community Based Services Rule. The intent is to help people get competitive integrated employment in the general community. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Roy mentioned compensation for caregivers and the difficulty of getting quality staff and care. Steve brought up the lack of proper orientation and training and Ann mentioned the high turnover rate. Amber stated that she would be happy to talk to anyone from the Bureau for Medical Services about the realities the provider agencies are facing.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-

Carissa sent out the membership list and proposed term limit language by email prior to the meeting. The Council discussed the proposed term limits. Renee asked how the membership

had been marketed. Steve recommended coming up with a recruiting strategy. Term limit discussion was tabled.

The Council reviewed membership applications for Esther Hupp and Tammy Ketchem. Steve made a motion to accept Esther for the housing position. Ann seconded the motion and the motion carried. Nancy spoke on behalf of her boss regarding Tammy's application. Discussion on this application was tabled. Mark will contact Tammy to clarify some information.

TAKE ME HOME WV UPDATE

Marcus Canaday gave an update. TMH staff have been working on consolidating the demonstration and waiver transition programs. 25 transitions for the year and 395 total transitions. There is optimism for a five-year reauthorization.

Sustainability Initiatives

- Telehealth Pilot
 - WVU has just signed contracts with Medtronic and Great Call effective January 1st, 2020. There will be a two-month period to establish protocols. Thirty people are being targeted to begin in March.
- No Wrong Door
 - A contract has been signed with WVUCED. Steering committee members are Marcus Canaday, Elliott Birkhead, Jacqueline Proctor, Sally Blackburn and Brenda Landers, and someone from the Developmental Disabilities Council.
- Online Case Management Pilot
 - The pilot is in process and will be continuing for several more months.

Housing documents for and landlords, tenants, and providers are in the process of being finalized and printed.

OLMSTEAD PLAN REVISION UPDATE

The Council reviewed the update. Susan made a motion to accept the changes. Ardella seconded the motion. Susan rescinded the motion due Council members having two different versions of the plan. Action on the document was postponed until the next meeting. Carissa will send a clean version to council members.

TRANSITION AND DIVERSION PROGRAM

- 267 applications received, 160 were approved, 107 were denied because they did not meet the imminent risk requirement, and 1 transition took place.
- \$203,547.42 was spent. Additional funding was granted through the Bureau for Behavioral Health.

Ann made a motion to approve the form and have Carissa follow up with and obtain additional information from applicants who have a pending application. Elliott seconded the motion. Teresa reviewed the changes to the application. Ann made a motion to change section 3 and approve the form and have Carissa contact the applicants that have a pending application and

complete a new form with them. Susan seconded the motion. Ann amended her motion to change language on section 3 and add a question in section 2 and approve the form and have Carissa call the applicants to notify them that a new form will be sent. Susan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Facility Outreach

Roy would like to have a call with Legal Aid staff and Carissa once funding for the Transition and Diversion Program becomes available. Carissa will send the application to council members for them to disseminate.

New Business

Annual Report – Carissa sent the 2019 annual report to council members prior to the meeting and asked for a committee to assist with the preparation of the 2020 report. Ann, Mark, and Elliott agreed to be on the committee.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM.

Save the Date: Next meeting date **February 6, 2020.**