

Olmstead Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022

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.

Staff and Council Members Present:

Carissa Davis, Joyce Floyd, Ardella Cottrill, Cara Price, Becky Spaulding, Nancy Fry, Rich Ward, Sally Blackburn, Suzanne Messenger, Teresa McDonough (BMS), Esther Wright, Danny Gray, Jenni Sutherland, Ann McDaniel, Annetta Johnson, Marcus Canaday, Shawn Allen, Paul Smith, Aaron Morris, Steve Wiseman, Amber Moore (BSS), Amber Hinkle, Travis Kline, Elliott Birckhead, Lynsay Frye, David Duke, Lesley Cottrell, Renee Chapman, Liz Ford

Others Present

Pat Nisbet, Matt Hardwick, Josh Winkler, and Dan Gulya

Council Members Not Present

Kim Nuckles, Susan Given, Chris Orndorff, Roy Herzbach, and Mark Drennan

Welcome And Introduction

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

Reading of Mission Statement & Rules and Responsibilities

Shawn read the mission statement.

Lynsay read the rules and responsibilities. Ardella made a motion to approve the rules. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion carried. These will be read with the mission statement at the beginning of each meeting.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Minutes

Ardella made a motion to accept the May 2022 minutes as presented and Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business

State Transition Plan

Pat presented the State Transition Plan. Carissa will distribute the PowerPoint to Council Members.

Membership Update

- a. Officer Election – Steve stepped down from Chairperson effective July 31st and will serve as the Immediate Past Chairperson until his retirement on August 26th. Lynsay has assumed the Chairperson position. Teresa nominated Becky for the Vice Chairperson position. Becky accepted the nomination Cara seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- b. Executive Committee Election – Shawn and Cara were interested in filling the vacant at-large position. Council Members elected Shawn by poll.
- c. Addition of Office of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification (OHFLAC) to Council Membership – David made a motion to ask OHFLAC to become a member of the Council. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention.

Old Business

Executive Order Update

A draft of the Executive Order was distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Ann made a motion to amend the Executive Order to increase the Council to no more than 38, including no more than nine state agencies. David seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ann made a motion to approve the amended Executive Order and direct the Chairperson and Coordinator to forward through process to the Governor. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. After discussion on including the Mental Health Ombudsman as an advocate, Ann made a motion to reconsider the vote on the amended Executive Order. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ann made a motion to increase the Council to no more than 39, including no more 12 Advocacy/Disability Organizations. Liz seconded the motion. Suzanne proposed increasing the number of people with disabilities and/or immediate family member. Ann amended her motion to include increasing the maximum total members to 40 and increasing the number of people with disabilities and/or immediate family member to 10. Liz seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ann made a motion to approve the Executive Order as further amended. Becky seconded the motion and motion carried.

Annual Report Update

The report is in progress. Carissa will distribute a draft once it's ready and ask for Council Members to vote for approval/rejection by email.

Olmstead Plan Update

Carissa and Marcus met to discuss funding to hire a facilitator and host forums to gather input on the Olmstead Plan Update. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have requested a formal budget revision from Marcus and that is in process.

Mental Health Ombudsman Update

Carissa stated that the position is in the process of being filled.

Agency Olmstead Related Updates

Elliott stated public forums are being held by the Office of Drug Control Policy to provide input on the West Virginia Substance Use Response Plan. Carissa will send information to Council Members.

Transition and Diversion Program

Carissa stated that funding is still available and can be spent until September 30th. Eighty-seven applications have been approved and there have been 14 transitions.

Other Business

None

Announcements

Aaron mentioned the Families Conference taking place in November.

Steve mentioned the Employment First Task Force. Olmstead is a focus of the work.

Liz mentioned the People First Conference taking place in September.

Ann mentioned the SILC listening sessions.

Ann will retire October 31st and Jerry Boyko has been named Executive Director of the WV Statewide Independent Living Council.

Esther will leave Take Me Home on August 15th. She is taking a position with USAging.

Carissa will send information on the events to Council Members.

Ardella motioned to adjourn the meeting without objection at 12:06 p.m.

Save the Date: Future meeting dates: November 3rd