Draft Olmstead Meeting Minutes November 3, 2022

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), Jenni Sutherland, Marcus Canaday, Shawn Allen, Paul Smith, Aaron Morris, Christy Black, Amber Hinkle, Travis Kline, Elliott Birckhead, Lynsay Frye, David Duke, Lesley Cottrell, Renee Chapman, Chris Orndorff, Roy Herzbach, Jason Parmer (DRWV), Doug Hess, Rick Dempsey, and Jerry Boyko

Others Present

Shelly Madore, Kyle Blackburn, Faye (Arc intern), and Dan Gulya

Council Members Not Present

Kim Nuckles, Cara Price, Sally Blackburn, Danny Gray, Annetta Johnson, Rebecca Jennings, Amber Moore, and Mark Drennan

Welcome And Introduction

Becky, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Reading of Mission Statement & Rules and Responsibilities

Rich read the mission statement and the rules and responsibilities.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Minutes

Ardella made a motion to accept the August 2022 minutes as presented and Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business

Executive Order Update

The draft Executive Order was reviewed by Office of Inspector General (OIG) staff and submitted to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) Communications and Legal staff. Carissa will follow up and report back to the Council

Annual Report Update

The report was reviewed by the Council and submitted to OIG staff for review. Carissa will let the Council know when the report has been submitted to DHHR.

Olmstead Plan Update

Marcus has submitted the change order request to DHHR to obtain funds to hire a facilitator and hold public forums to update the Olmstead Plan.

Membership Update

Membership Committee Election

Rebecca, Becky, and David expressed interest in filling the three open positions on the Membership Committee. Nancy made a motion to accept the nominations. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business

Employment

Travis gave an update on the state of employment of people with disabilities in West Virginia. He discussed the passage of House Bill 4499 and the Employment First Taskforce.

Agency Olmstead Related Updates

Elliott stated that the Bureau for Behavioral Health is applying for a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Marcus gave an update on Take Me Home and systems change projects.

Transition and Diversion Program

Carissa stated that the funding period ended September 30th. 134 applications were approved and there were 21 transitions (15 were also Take Me Home participants). Teresa discussed the application review process.

Other Business

None

Announcements

Ardella, Aaron, Teresa, and Doug provided announcements

Rick provided information on the role of the Mental Health Ombudsman.

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Future meeting dates: February, May, August, and November