

Olmstead Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024

Staff and Council Members Present:

Carissa Davis, Elliott Birkhead, Jerry Boyko, Ardella Cottrill, Nancy Fry, Lynsay Frye, Susan Given, Amber Hinkle, Suzanne Messenger, Aaron Morris, Cara Price, Nia Jackson, David Duke, Michelle Angus (BSS), Jennifer Gower (BSS), Teresa McDonough (BMS), Lesley Cottrell, Rebecca Jennings, Ed Hopple, Shawn Allen, Becky Spaulding, Christy Black (DDC), Jenni Sutherland, Alexis Ullman, Brian Holstine, Rich Ward, Rick Dempsey, Raymond Brooks, Lesley Cottrell, and Travis Kline

Others Present

Steve Wiseman, Kyle Blackburn, Bob Hansen, and Michael Folio

Council Members Not Present

AARP, Kim Nuckles, Paul Smith, Chris Orndorff, Sheila Paitsel, Annetta Johnson, Kimberly Taylor-Newsome, and Delmar Davis

Welcome And Introduction

Lynsay, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Reading of Mission Statement & Rules and Responsibilities

Suzanne read the mission statement and the rules and responsibilities.

Public Forum

The Council remembered Joyce Floyd.

Olmstead Plan Update Facilitator

Steve Wiseman provided information on his role with the Olmstead Plan Update, information discussed with the Olmstead Plan Update workgroup, and next steps for the process. Feedback was solicited from the Council. Carissa and Steve will work on setting up public forums and focus group/meeting presentations with identified locations and groups. The workgroup plans to meet monthly.

Approval of Minutes

Ardella made a motion to review and vote on the minutes by email. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business

Annual Report

Carissa stated that the Annual Report was approved and submitted to the Legislature.

Annual Workplan

Carissa requested a workgroup to develop a workplan dedicated to the goals of the Olmstead Plan. Rebecca Jennings has volunteered to serve on the workgroup. Carissa requested that anyone else willing to serve on the committee contact her.

Olmstead Complaint Process

The draft complaint process and form were sent to the Council by email prior to the meeting. Changes to the process were suggested. Carissa will make the changes and send the process information back to the Council with changes tracked.

New Business

Sharpe & Bateman Patient Information

Bob Hansen presented Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities patient information from the state psychiatric hospitals. Discussion took place on what can be done to help these individuals and to prevent these situations in the future.

Membership Update

Open Council Positions

The membership committee recommended the Disability Action Center to fill the open disability/advocacy organization position. Ardella made a motion to approve. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The membership committee recommended that Brad Story fill the behavioral health provider position vacated by Mark Drennan. Becky made a motion to approve. Ardella seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rich reminded the Council that we still have the TBI Waiver provider and Home Health provider positions open.

Executive Committee Elections

All six Executive Committee positions are open. The chairperson, vice chairperson, and two at-large positions are eligible for a second term, and they are interested. Annetta Johnson and Cara Price are interested in the two at-large positions. Nominations were taken from the floor. Nancy made a motion to close nominations. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried. Aaron made a motion to approve the slate. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Transition and Diversion Program

Data

Carissa provided an update. 32 applications have been approved and four have been transition related. Susan and Becky are interested in joining the committee to review applications.

Changes to Application

The Council discussed the possibility of allowing requests for past due rent and utilities and determined not to allow them.

Agency Olmstead Related Updates

Nia provided an update on Take Me Home. They have open housing and Community Liaison positions, and the supplemental service package was approved.

Other Business

None

Announcements

Nancy announced the WV Legal Aid trainings.

Aaron announced East End events.

Ardella announced the April meeting for the WV Behavioral Health Planning Council.

Shawn announced a Concord University grant program to increase the number of mental health professionals in school systems.

Adjournment

David made a motion to adjourn. Aaron seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting at adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Save the Date: Future meeting dates: May 2nd, August 1st, and November 7th