

Olmstead Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Approved by the Council on October 27, 2009

Members Present: Nancy Fry, Dave Sanders, Darla Ervin, Steve Wiseman, Jeannie Elkins, Kelly Williams, Elaine Markel, Jan Derry, Vonda Spencer, Roy Herzbach, John Russell, Linda Maniak, Marcus Canaday (for Cindy Beane), Penney Hall, Cathy Hutchinson, Karen Davis, Brenda Hellwig, Vanessa VanGilder

Members Absent: Ann McDaniel, Suzanne Messenger, Ted Johnson, Bitsy Shaw, Regenia Mayne, Laura Friend, Elliott Birkhead, Kevin Smith, David Stewart

Proxies: None

Public: Emily Markle

Other: Tina Maher, Dan Connery

The Olmstead Council meeting was held at the Erickson Alumni Center at WVSU in Institute, West Virginia.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Nancy Fry, Vice Chair called the meeting to order. Fry welcomed members, including new Council member Darla Ervin. Introductions were made.

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

Fry introduced the draft minutes from the May 19, 2009 Council meeting. Jan Derry made a motion to accept the minutes, and Cathy Hutchinson seconded the motion. Fry asked whether there was any discussion. No discussion was held and a vote to accept the minutes was taken with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fry introduced the proposed by-law amendment (30 days notice was given). Derry made a motion to accept the by-laws as presented, and Linda Maniak seconded the motion. Discussion was held about the dates for the meeting schedule, and a vote was taken with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

Executive Committee

Penney Hall gave the report for the Executive Committee which met on July 9, 2009. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed by-law amendment; the Olmstead Annual Report for state fiscal year 2009; and the Olmstead Work Plan.

The Annual Report and the Work Plan were reviewed in-depth and recommendations were made. Maher will be working with the Committee to finalize the draft of the Annual Report for review and input by the Council.

Transition Navigator Committee

Hall gave the report for the Transition Navigator (TN) Committee which met on June 12, 2009. The Transition Navigator Committee reviewed and made recommendations to the TN Program Policy. The Committee decided to continue the focus of the Program on a statewide basis with the Olmstead Office providing limited support to the 33 un-served counties.

The following was reviewed with Council members: the new TN Program Policy Statement; the Improvement Package Narrative; and the May-June 2009 Program Report.

The Committee will work to develop marketing tools for the SFY 2011 Improvement Package.

Work Plan Committee

Maher provided an update on the work plan and will assemble the committee in August to continue their work.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee did not meet prior to the Council meeting.

SYSTEMIC ISSUES

Mental Health

David Sanders and John Russell provided an update on the Hartley hearings taking place on mental health and traumatic brain injury services.

The WV Mental Health Planning Council is holding public forums to identify and discuss regional and statewide issues. Sanders will send the information to Maher to e-mail it to the group.

Aging/Senior

Roy Herzbach informed the Council about facilities and community providers refusing to serve people due to a criminal history; the AARP Foundation (Jim Smallridge) has expanded the Money Management program statewide; and an increase in calls has been seen from people with disabilities facing foreclosures. Discussion was held on housing and foreclosure issues.

Maher will send information to members about AARP Foundation program.

Developmental Disabilities

Steve Wiseman informed the Council about the MR/DD Waiver wait list; grant support options; certification for service coordinators; and the development of the self-directed option.

Derry reported a portion of the positive behavioral support funding was restored.

Maher will e-mail the *Devaluation and the Service Worker's Role* workshop information being sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Council to Council members.

Independent Living

Derry and Hutchinson provided an update on the RSA for stimulus funding and cost of living increase for West Virginia.

Vanessa VanGilder announced the SILC is holding statewide public forums. Maher will forward this information to the Council.

Medicaid

Marcus Canaday provided information on Aged and Disabled Waiver public forums for the development of the renewal application and the new Managed Enrollment Process.

Maher will notify Council members when the renewal application is posted for comment.

OLMSTEAD COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Olmstead Contacts for SFY 2009

Maher reviewed the *Olmstead Information, Referral, Assistance and Funding* handout. The handout provides an overview contacts received by the Olmstead Office throughout state fiscal year 2009.

Nurse Practice Act/Medication Administration

Maher reviewed two handouts on the Nurse Practice Act/Medication Administration: a review of selected states and recommendations for change.

OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT/ ADJOURNMENT

Fry asked Council members about other business that needed to be discussed prior to adjournment.

Hall announced that Multifest will be held on August 8-9 and the Division of Rehabilitation Services is having an informational booth.

Herzbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting and no objections were voiced. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.