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Policy Committee

600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111

January 31, 2019

11:30 AM -12:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Introductions

Dawn Clark (SRC), Richard Colantonio (SRC), Naomi Goldberg (CAP), Alex Scarlis (CAP), Nikunz Shah (Student), Chiarina Williams (Student), Mathew Bander (SRC), Joe Bellil (SRC), Graham Porell (MRC Staff), Theresa Casey (MRC Staff)

Remotely:

Inez Canada (SRC), Ellie Starr (SRC)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

New Business:

The Policy Committee is in the process of reforming and in doing so is seeking to establish a list of issues on which to focus and a group of interested SRC members and others who wish to participate.

Naomi began the meeting by offering suggestions as to potential focus of the Policy Committee going forward.

- More recently, a subgroup of SRC members were active in providing feedback to MRC on Order of Selection. It seems appropriate going forward for OOS to be a focus of the Policy Committee. It is anticipated that the committee will be tracking progress of OOS going forward. It is understood that OOS needs to be in place and for some time to

have passed in order to measure outcomes, provide data, etc. so we will revisit this at the next meeting.

It was pointed out during the meeting that OOS has not been implemented and attendees had questions about what had transpired. Participants requested that a representative from MRC who is prepared to answer these types of questions participate in future subcommittee meetings.

With regard to OOS, participants stated that they disagreed with OOS being called by a different name and asked that it be noted for the record.

- The policy related items listed in the RSA monitoring report are issues on which the committee may also choose to focus. It should be noted that these items are from FY17 and that the report may not necessarily reflect changes that have been made since that time. Potential areas of focus could include:
 - Developing IPEs in a timely manner
 - Focus on higher quality employment opportunities for all clients including those in transition
 - Making eligibility determinations in a timely manner
 - Making pre-employment transition services available to potentially eligible clients

Participants agreed that the group should meet one more time before the next quarterly SRC meeting to discuss these matters and next steps to be reported at the meeting. In preparation for the meeting participants agree to review the monitoring report. <https://www2.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/rehab/107-reports/fy2017-ma-g.pdf>. Appendix C on page 109 offers a summary of the items.

The next meeting of the policy committee will be March (specifics). At that time, the discussion will continue about prioritizing the committee's work going forward.

Questions:

- What is the committee going to be looking for from the changes that MRC will be making?
- Is MRC following through with the Audit?
- What areas should the committee focus the most on?
- How does the committee collect data?
- Does the committee completely understand what data is being collected in order to provide the services needed to complete a consumers goals?

Action Items:

Naomi, along with her colleagues from the Client Assistance Program offered to provide written commentary as a supplement to the meeting, however, it was subsequently determined that this would be a violation of the open meeting law.

Adjourn 12:30 PM

Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2019