**SRC Business and Employment Opportunity (BEO) Committee**

8-11-22 Agenda

Attendees: Steve LaMaster, Naomi Goldberg, Alison Scher, Joe Bellil, William Allen, William Noone, Joan Phillips, Colleen Casey, Cheryl Scott, and Heather Wood.

Recorder: Chelsea Rich

1. Introductions and announcements (as needed)
	* Agenda time of 2 hr is a max time. For the August meeting we have 90 minutes slated.
	* Chelsea Rich taking notes.
2. Approve June minutes
* Meeting minutes revisions: two highlights of non-relevant commentary. Motion to accept changes by Naomi Goldberg, seconded by Joe Belil, and approved.
1. Updates to recommendations on state plan
	* SRC materials revision (FY22-3):
		1. Review re: Draft timeline for reviewing/drafting content
* August 11th, reviewing the second draft... Steve will have that to Colleen before the 18th of August.
* There needs to be a balance to move forward, Colleen’s goal to get this done ASAP.
* Colleen and Steve will look at the timeline and see if they can shorten it.
	+ 1. Review feedback from full SRC, and submitting to Colleen Casey
* The word consumer will be replaced where found.
* Modify the language and reading level of the document at the 7th grade level.
* Colleen will get that emailed to everyone after the meeting
* Joe: Re: young adults, worried keyword (job seeker) will be a barrier when it comes to the desire to train/be educated for careers.
* There was curiosity about products to be developed. Products may include website content, tri-fold brochure, social media content, Powerpoint, poster(s).
	+ 1. Review and feedback re: content draft
* Colleagues talked about the draft in the meeting and changes were made. Colleen will get this out to everyone.
	+ Recent MRC Self-employment Data
1. There’s data from all MRC sites listing self-employment, data will be shared with committee and review on agenda at October meeting.
	1. Clarify “self-employed” in numbers of gig workers vs starting own business
	2. When topic originally came up, involved people wanting to start business, not having access to competencies, e.g. how to do market research, dev a business plan.
2. Self-employment initiative for people with MH Disabilities: dev by Laysha Ostrow (formerly of HSRI) [About Reclaiming Employment – Reclaiming Employment](https://reclaimingemployment.com/about/)
* This organization has grant funding from the US Adm for Community Living, Dept. of HHS
* There’s course work, a community, and a resource library included in the project.
* Developed for people with MH Disabilities, but you may not have to identify with a psychiatric disability to use these tools.

Group expressed interest in bringing in Laysha O to present self-employment, as well as reviewing data on self-employment gathered by MRC

1. New Business:
	* Introduce possible mechanisms for gathering input from an MRC and DMH collaborative effort:
		1. Interest by Mental Health Planning Council Employment Subcommittee to collaborate with SRC
		2. Proposed focus group for service providers, possibly CIES clients.
		3. Steve had a conversation about how to best coordinate with Kate, learned MRC surveying to get feedback on services that could include BEO input. If focus groups, concerns they be actionable.
		4. Steve proposes this committee do some information gathering.
2. Summary actions and Future Agenda items:
3. Self-employment data, presentation from Laysha Ostrow’s initiative.