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

10-13-22 Minutes

Attendees: Bill Noone, Ally Morin, Paula Euber, Ellie Starr, Sara Wiles, Pat Nemec, Steve LaMaster, and Inez Canada. Recorder: Chelsea Rich

1. Introductions and announcements (as needed)

Agenda time of 2 hr is a max time. For the October meeting we have up to 90 minutes slated. Chelsea Rich taking notes.

1. Approve August minutes

Minutes had no recommended edits; motion by Inez Canada, seconded by Sarah Wiles, and approved by everyone

1. Updates to recommendations on state plan

Recent MRC Self-employment Data – review

* Hyannis and Greenfield are a very rural area, successful area.
* Numbers of people across the state are underrepresented.
* Greenfield has a great feature of mentoring of getting a business up and running.

1. Self-employment initiative for people with MH Disabilities: Laysha Ostrow (see Presentation Slides: “BU Sept 2022 LO”) [About Reclaiming Employment – Reclaiming Employment](https://reclaimingemployment.com/about/)

* Article 80% VR counselors found SE. too slow, risky, inappropriate for the population.
* A question: why not use SCORE? Was answered that people with SE goals tend to prefer informal networks to use of the SBA and SCORE
* There was interest expressed by VR staff in leaning more about the platform and subscriptions.
* Resource limitations of state VR and emphasis on traditional competitive employment.
* CAP staff expressed interest in learning more about the platform and how it’s being utilized. Laysha states the user trail will end soon and she’ll be wrapping up data/analysis in December. The February BEO meeting was discussed as a time Laysha could returning with a presentation of findings.

Next BEO meeting December 8, 1:00 PM

Tabled:

* SRC materials revision (FY22-3):
  + 1. Review mock-ups of materials: Colleen Casey
    2. Review and feedback re: recommended print band E- media
* Update on use participation of BEO and DMH Employment Subcommittee on Provider survey for gathering input from an MRC and Department of Mental Health employment collaboration