



MASSACHUSETTS REHABILITATION COMMISSION

STATEWIDE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Chairperson
Dawn Clark

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Members at Large

Executive Committee

600 Washington Street

July 11, 2019

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Introductions

- Attendees: Dawn Clark (SRC), Inez Canada (SRC), Alex Scarlis (MOD) Kate Biebel (MRC), Naomi Goldberg (SRC)
- Remote participation: Joe Bellil (SRC),

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Amendments were made to the June 6, 2019 minutes
- Naomi motioned to except minutes with amendments
- Joe seconded
- All in favor

Old Business

Follow up for SRC Consumer Training

The SRC Consumer Training was a success. It was well attended and informational. The committee suggested to focus on the following when items when planning future SRC Consumer Trainings.

- More client involvement with the SRC meeting
- Committee involvement
- Consumer focus
- Present the SRC meeting at a different time to attract more participation from consumers
- The SRC should explain what they are and what they do

Committee Updates

State Plan

The seven FY2020 State Plan recommendations were approved at the quarterly SRC meeting on June 27, 2019. The recommendations will be submitted to MRC for feedback. MRC will provide a written response to recommendations and provided to the SRC for review and feedback by August 29, 2019. The State Plan Committee will discuss MRC's feedback with the Subcommittee Chairs at the August 30, 2019 committee meeting.

Business and Employment Opportunity Committee

The Chair Person (Steve Aalto) has resigned from the committee. Joe Bellil will be the Chair Person until the position is filled.

The committee will review the responses from MRC the FY2019 recommendations at the August 8, 2019 meeting. Discuss ideas on how the committee can achieve the goals of the FY2019 recommendations that they have been assigned.

Next Steps

- Discuss what the committee would like to focus on moving forward in order to fulfill their assigned recommendation
- Contact new member to educate them on what is that committee each committee is focused on
- Match the to the new member by what their interest and expertise's are
- Let the candidate know in advance they have the option of calling in to the meeting

Steve has had contact with other agency providers about how they assist with getting employment for persons with disabilities. The main problem that they have is companies are concerned with law suits, complaints.

How do we overcome these barriers?

- Consider the talent of the consumer when considering employment
- Involve the venues with what we are working toward

MRC Committee Membership

The committee discussed the vacant seats on the SRC and how they can recruit new members who will best fit the needs of that seat.

Kate stressed when recruiting new members for the SRC to be mindful of the candidate's expertise, interest, knowledge and can they carry through on the mission of the council.

How do we recruit new members?

- Educate them on who we are, what we do any why we do it
- Provide written materials

- Mentor new SRC members
- Contact other SRC's to see how they recruit members
- Reach out to Independent Living Centers
- Have documents describing what the subcommittees are and their mission statements

Action Items:

- Inez will create materials to share with potential new members
- Inez will speak with Dawn and Erik about drafting information on the SRC website
- Inez will contact the 4 new members

The committee reviewed the current SRC membership list to discuss who is inactive. Inactive members will be contacted in writing to determine their availability to be an active member of the council. The committee will then be able to recruit candidates to fill the available seats by their expertise and interest.

Other:

The committee discussed the importance of the chairperson of each subcommittee to attend the Executive Committee meetings to report on what their committee is currently working toward and what achievements made. Based on this agreement the Chairperson of the SRC is asking for the Chairperson of the Comprehensive Needs/Consumer Satisfaction Survey Committee to resign from his position as he does not attend the Executive Committee as agreed upon.

The Clint Assistant Program (CAP) agree to attend the meeting on behalf of Comprehensive Needs/Consumer Satisfaction Survey Committee

Adjourn: 3:00

Next Meeting: August 1, 2019