

**Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
1-3pm EST**

**Attendees:**

- Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Members: Inez Canada (Chair), Joe Bellil, Olympia Stroud, Naomi Goldberg, Steve LaMaster
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) Staff: Amanda Costa, Kate Biebel, Bill Noone, Manel Desvallons
- Public: Christine Tosti, Sarah Wiles
- Health Management Associates- Ellen Breslin, Taciana Ribeiro-Saab, Cecilia Nunez, Raisa Alam, Doris Tolliver, Uma Ahluwalia

Please Note: This meeting was held remotely.

**Meeting was called to order at by the Chair at 1:02pm**

**Call to Order/Introductions:**

- All attendees went around and provided basic introductions of themselves.

**Minutes Approval – Inez Canada**

- The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Bellil motioned to approve minutes from the August meeting. Ms. Goldberg seconded the motion. The August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved with no amendments.

**Old Business:**

- The Chair requested the written Committee updates so they can be attached to the September meeting minutes to include for public record. The Chair explained that written reports gives us more time for the DEI training session.
- **MRC responses to FY22 Recommendations-**
  - MR. Bellil provided an overview of the MRC responses to the Fiscal Year 2022 SRC Recommendations, and SRC's response and brief edits to each response given by MRC. SRC generally agreed with MRC's response. Mr. Bellil will host a State Plan committee meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> to provide a final review of the recommendations before submission. The original version of MRC responses will be used for the SRC annual report given the timeline for the annual report submission.
  - Mr. Bellil reminded Committee Chairs to provide the draft of their final write-ups for the Annual report of their Committees by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Submissions should be sent to Mr. Bellil. Chairs were advised to consider putting their reports in bullet form for readability.

- Ms. Canada provided an update regarding a meeting that took place with the MRC Communications Department to help design and update the MRC Annual Report. A draft outline of the annual report will be circulated to Chairs for feedback via email, with a deadline of completing the final report by end of October 2021. The goal of the report will be to provide an update on the State of VR, and to showcase the work of the council to advance the employment of people with disabilities.

**New Business:**

- Agenda for September 23, 2021- the September 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda will be reviewed via email in the interest of time.

**Executive Session- SRC Leadership Training**

- Ms. Canada convened Executive Session at 1:28pm for leadership and DEI training. All those who were not members of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup were asked to log off at this time. The meeting did not reconvene a public session.
- **Health Management Associates (HMA) Training- Ms. Nunez, Ms. Tolliver, Ms. Ribeiro-Saab.** The Health Management Associates team presented a power point training on leadership and diversity, equity, and inclusion.
  - Ms. Nunez and Ms. Ribeiro-Saab presented on white supremacy culture and alternative and more inclusive practices
  - Ms. Tolliver presented about concrete tools and strategies to promote equity
  - The HMA team engaged SRC members in a discussion where we collaborated on an agenda for Workshop 3 for the Full SRC Board.

**Adjourn:** At the close of Executive Session, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bellil made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. LaMaster seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.