

Policy Committee

600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111

April 2, 2020

11:00 AM -12:00 PM

Minutes

Attended: Naomi Goldberg, Dawn Clark, Inez Canada, James Carnazza, Michael Stepanky, and Christopher Dreher

The focus of this meeting was to discuss how the Policy Committee could work on the two recommendations to which the committee was assigned. Recent meetings have been dedicated to gaining more understanding of MRC's policies and procedures around procurement and clients going to college so that the committee is in a better position to offer useful feedback to MRC.

As a follow up to the March meeting, participants discussed the fact that it is very unlikely that MRC would create a designated college liaison position in area offices. Nevertheless, all agreed that there should be a standard practice for directing VR clients to information about rights, obligations, and resources that are applicable to students who are going to college.

Participants discussed the various information and resources that should be relayed to all VR clients who are going to college and James shared some of the information that he routinely provides to his clients who are attending college.

Ultimately, the group decided that the Committee could continue to work on this issue by recommending that MRC follow a standardized process for providing information to VR clients who will be attending college. It was agreed that for the meeting in Naomi would produce a rough draft of a document that would eventually memorialize the Committee's recommendations. Participants were asked to forward any input about resources, information that should be included, format ideas, etc. to Naomi prior to the May meeting. At the May meeting the committee will work on building and revising the draft.

The Committee agreed that it will continue to work on the procurement recommendation for FY21. Following April's meeting with Bill Noone and Jessica Cimini the Committee was able to get a better understanding of the procurement process. The Committee has invited Mo Vasquez to the June meeting to learn about procurement from the financial perspective. The Committee is still awaiting the information listed on the state plan recommendation work plan and will review the results upon receipt.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be Thursday May 7, 2020 from 11:00 to 12:30.