

Policy Committee
600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111
August 6, 2020
11:00 AM -12:30 PM
Minutes

Attended: Naomi Goldberg, Inez Canada, Dawn Clark, James Carnazza, Sarah Wiles, Olympia Stroud, Sheryl Cruz, and Bill Noone. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendees discussed the documents that have been gathered, created, and revised thus far in preparation for putting together a recommended curriculum. Both Sheryl and James shared the common practices she uses to prepare her clients for college including connecting clients with their respective disability services offices and consistently sharing the necessary steps that a client will take to prepare for college.

The following feedback and recommendations were offered by the group.

- All documents that the committee produces should use simple and straightforward language.
- There should be a document that includes an explanation of MRC's procedures and important deadlines for clients going to college.
- There should be a statement included notifying clients that they should not expect the same experience they had in high school around getting accommodations (they will still have to request accommodations each semester, accommodations may not be the same as in high school, etc.)
- Having a document that lists community resources including mental health resources would be useful. How do we collect this information?
- Can we elaborate on the financial resource publication?
- There should be
- Many students benefit from the livescribe pen and other technologies, How do we include this information.
- Perhaps MRC could start a college club for clients.

It was agreed that anyone making edits to documents would forward them to Naomi within two weeks so that they can be forwarded to the committee in advance of the September meeting.

The committee acknowledges that it still has to come up with a plan for working on the recommendation related to procurement. Naomi agrees to invited M. Vasquez to a future meeting to request more information on the process and answer questions.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be Thursday September 3, 2020 from 11:00 to 12:30.