

Policy Committee
600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111
May 7, 2020
11:00 AM -12:00 PM
Minutes

Attended: Naomi Goldberg, Dawn Clark, Inez Canada, James Carnazza, and Michael Stepansky. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

The focus of this meeting was to discuss how the committee can continue to support the intention behind the college liaison recommendation even though it appears that MRC cannot commit to creating a designated college liaison position. The rationale behind this recommendation was to ensure that MRC clients going to college receive consistent information and support that will leave them adequately prepared to attend college successfully.

Ultimately the group determined that it could still recommend and suggest to MRC that certain information and resources should be shared consistently with college bound clients even if there are no designated college liaisons. Our work on this recommendation will likely culminate with a recommended curriculum to be used for college students.

The group reviewed a draft of a College Readiness Checklist and documents that James shared, and suggested that next steps would include compiling additional resources and FAQs on financial aid and scholarships, student rights to academic adjustments and reasonable accommodation, and MRC financial procedures. At the next meeting we will focus on building the foundation of a draft curriculum that the committee will eventually share with MRC and recommend be used. This will be the primary focus if Mo Vasquez is not available to attend the June 7th meeting.

The Policy Committee is still working on the two state plan recommendations to which it was assigned in FY2020. The recommendations were resubmitted for FY2021 as is, however the committee has since become better informed on these subjects and is now in a better position to refine the language in the recommendations. Naomi will revise the language and we will discuss the revisions at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be Thursday June 4, 2020 from 11:00 to 12:30.