

August 17, 2022, minutes

Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC)

State Plan and Interagency Relations Committee

The State Plan and Interagency Relations Committee ensures the SRC meets its obligations regarding input from consumers in the development of both the MRC public VR State Plan and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan.

Meeting Minutes

August 17th, 2022, 11:00-12:30pm EST

Attendees:

Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Members: Ronaldo Fujii, Joe Bellil, Naomi Goldberg

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) Staff: Bill Noone, Graham Porell

1. Welcome and Introductions- attendees shared thoughts on DEI- equity. Thoughts shared included adding Accessibility to DEI, making it DEIA and seeing more inclusivity in movies, done in a more natural way. Positive changes and awareness can be seen.

2. Review MRC's Responses to the SRC FY23 Recommendations

Attendees reviewed each recommendation and MRC's response to the recommendations.

3. Begin creating a document with SRC's input addressing MRC's Responses

A draft document was created that included comments by Inez and from the attendees of today's meeting. Please refer to this draft for additional details.

Action Item: Joe will send this draft document out to the SRC Chairs for their review and comment. Joe will ask the Chairs to send back their written responses to MRC's responses in two weeks.

4. Review the Schedule and Tasks for State Plan and Annual Reports-

The attendees reviewed the Schedule and Tasks for State Plan and Annual Reports document and focused on the timelines for the annual report.

SRC Annual Report

- Recommendations for FY2023 due to MRC by June 30, 2022
- MRC Responses to SRC FY2023 Recommendations by July 31, 2022
- SRC Chairs provide draft committee reports by October 7, 2022
- FY2022 Final SRC Annual Report due to RSA by November 1, 2022, including MRC Program Results

Action Item: Joe will send out a request to the SRC Chairs to review last year's SRC Annual Report and to ask each Chair to write up a report on their committee for this year's annual report. This will be do in by October 7, 2022.

5. Discuss developing a Standard Operating Process for creating SRC Recommendations in the future

The attendees discussed various ways and methods to get input from MRC Consumers. Getting information at the MRC Consumer Conference next year was suggested.

Consumers could be asked to comment on both the SRC recommendations and the satisfaction and needs survey.

The possibility of having a workshop or a networking session was brought up. Another thought was having a breakout room for consumer to share their thoughts with a facilitator. It would be important to be able to capture all the comments from the consumers.

Using this method to gather feedback for the next WIOA State Plan was suggested.

Ronaldo will be attending tomorrow's conference and will give feedback on how he thinks having a session like this can work. He may provide this feedback at the October State Plan meeting.

6. Review related SRC DEI activities

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

7. Other input from committee members

No additional comments were provided. Joe thanked the attendees for their input and time.

8. Adjournment