

## **October 18<sup>th</sup> minutes**

### **State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)**

#### **State Plan and Interagency Relations Committee**

##### Meeting Minutes

October 18th, 2023, 11:00-12:30 pm EST

##### **Attendees:**

Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Members: Joe Bellil (Committee Chair)

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) Staff: William Noone, Graham Porrell, Amy Karr

Please note: This meeting was held remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM.

##### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Bellil stated the names of all attendees.

##### **2. Opportunity to share any diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility thoughts and ideas**

Mr. Noone stated that Robert Arnáú has been promoted to Secretariat Deputy Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

##### **3. MRC's responses to the SRC FY24 Recommendations**

Members had received the MRC's responses to the SRC FY24 recommendations. **(See SRC FY24 Recommendations with MRC Response 8.1.23\_isc.)** The Chair of the Business, Employment and Opportunity (BEO) Committee, Steve LaMaster, has accepted MRC's responses to his committee's recommendations. Mr. LaMaster is going to check that Ronaldo Fuji accepts MRC's request to combine two recommendations into one and the BEO and Mr. Fujii's Customer Satisfaction/Needs Assessment Committee (CSNAC) have joint responsibility for the recommendation. The recommendation about recruiting new members will be discussed at the November Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Bellil said the final document of the SRC Recommendations will be available by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day of the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Noone needs a list of the current SRC members, with the start and end dates of their terms, the seats they fill, and the open seats. He will contact Sahara Defensor for that list.

##### **4. Status of the SRC Annual Report- 2024**

Colleen Casey seemed satisfied with what the committee reports she has received. She will send a draft of the Annual Report to Mr. Bellil.

##### **5. Status of MRC's State Plan activities**

At the last SRC Quarterly meeting in September Cheryl Scott suggested that a progress update on the overall State Plan be presented at the December Quarterly meeting. Mr. Bellil will reach out to Ms. Scott to find out what information will be needed for that.

The goal is to send the State Plan to the Governor in late December or early January. That is why work on the State Plan has started earlier this year. Mr. Bellil asked if there was anything needed from the SRC besides finalized responses for the recommendations and a current membership list. MRC needs the cooperative agreements and review of the needs assessment survey. Mr. Porell says the review has not yet been completed. Mr. Noone recommends scheduling another CSNAC meeting before the scheduled December meeting.

Mr. Bellil thanked the attendees for their input and time.

There is no December State Plan meeting. The next State Plan meeting is February 21st, 2024 at 11:00 am.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 pm.