

Maryland State Rehabilitation Council
Minutes
May 12, 2021

Members Present:

Anil Lewis, Chair
Marsha Legg, Co-Chair
Scott Dennis
Chris Conklin
Rene Averitt-Sanzone
Hunter Whitt
Calvin Doudt
Mindy Lipsey
Tom Laverty
Andrea Landry
Katherine Jones
Penny Reeder

DORS Liaisons to Council:

Jody Boone – OFS Director
Kim Schultz, DORS – Public Relations
Jean Jackson – WTC Director
Toni March – OBVS Director
Darlene Peregoy – AFS Director

New Members Awaiting Appointment

Laurie Elinoff

Support Staff for Council:

Sandy Bowser
Patrick Peto

Welcome/Introduction – Anil Lewis, Chair

The February 10, 2021 minutes are approved as written.

National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Council (NCSRC) – On behalf of people with disabilities, the national membership coalition will advocate for and work in partnership with the national public vocational rehabilitation system's quest for excellence. NCSRC will be the premiere national organization of the consumer voice to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities through the public vocational rehabilitation system.

There is a link for any SRC or VR agency to access the Guidebook for SRC Chairpersons, Members & Liaisons and the SRC – VR Partnership Under WIOA on the NCSRC website.

Leadership Transition – Anil Lewis will be relocating back to Atlanta, Georgia in the new few weeks and will no longer be able to serve on the SRC. Anil would like the SRC to know that it is hard for him to leave this role and he appreciates all the Maryland State Rehabilitation Council has accomplished and will miss everyone. Anil will continue in his role as the Executive Director of the Blind Initiatives for the National Federation for the Blind.

Scott Dennis, The SRC and DORS Staff appreciates the input and guidance that Anil provided over the years. His honesty, sincerity and candor regarding issues that are brought to the council were much appreciated. Anil will be missed!

MD State Department of Education – awards a Certificate of Appreciation to Anil Lewis for dedicated membership to the MSRC since August 2015, including serving as Chair, November 2018 – May 2021. Awarded this day 12th day of May, 2021.

Anil thank you very much for your service to the council and to the citizens of Maryland.

SRC membership Training – Discussion – scott developed a powerpoint presentation that goes over the roles and responsibilities are for the SRC – the members fill a very important statutory requirement. Without the SRC, the state of MD would not receive any funds of VR Funds. SRC plays a very important role in the delivery of services.

Scott wants the council to review the presentation

DORS WaitList

Will start to open up Category II and bring consumers off the waitlist effective June 1, 2021.

Had a lot of vacant counseling positions – state lifted the hiring freeze a month ago so we can now hire.

DORS Customer Satisfaction Survey

Strategic Plan Meeting will be held June 22, 2021 in the afternoon – will be sending out the Strategic Plan for SRC to review prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandy Bowser
MSRC Staff Support

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