

Maryland State Rehabilitation Council
Minutes
May 11, 2022

Members Present:

Marsha Legg – Chair
Tassie Thompson
Christy Stuart
Tom Laverty
Penny Reeder
Cory Richo
Katherine Jones
Tamara Smith
Scott Dennis

Members Unable to Attend:

Calvin Doudt
Rene Averitt-Sanzone
Ronza Othman
Hunter Whitt
Michelle Day

DORS Liaisons to Council:

Jody Bone – OFS Director
Jim Evans – WTC Program Manager
Kim Schultz – DORS – Public Relations
Wanda Peele – Business Services

Support Staff for Council:

Patrick Peto

Welcome:

Approval of Minutes

Combined Statewide Plan – Negotiated Performance Measures for Program Years 2022 and 2023

HB 660 update

Workforce and Technology Presentation – James Evans

CVS Pharmacy Technician is a new training program that will be provided by the Workforce and Technology Center starting this September. This is a partnership with CVS Health and Community College of Baltimore County prepares students to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certifying Board (PTCB) test and become Certified Pharmacy Technicians.

Training Includes:

- 14 weeks of classroom instruction
- 6 weeks of clinical on-the-job training
- Training in CVS programs and procedures, inventory management, prescription medication measurements.

The Workforce and Technology Center is also looking into developing a partnership with CVS for Certified Nursing Assistant and Geriatric Nursing Assistant programs.

Director Report – Scott Dennis

Intake/Eligibility Unit Update:

Thank you Toni March, Jody Boone, Patrick Peto for all the hard work and coordination that went in to getting this unit up and operating.

The Eligibility Unit is now operational and providing intake and determining eligibility for several of the larger offices.

There are two positions that are in the process of announced:

- One additional supervisor will be posted May 23rd
- One Program Manager - to oversee and handle administrative functions for both units.
To be posted May 12th

Once both units are fully staffed, the EDU will provide services to the rest of the state, to allow counselors to focus on Good Plan Development. Trainings will be held within the next few weeks on Plan Development.

The number of individuals applying for DORS services is on the increase; Referrals and Applications are on the rise.

The Maryland State Department of Education is going to fund a pilot project with the University of Maryland to have them take care of gathering information for the Pre-Employment Students. The Division of Rehabilitation Services is in the process of developing a fee for services for this project. The funding for this project will last for two years, to allow time to get the program up and running and allow time for DORS to develop the formula as to how the fee will be determined.

Pre-ETS Listening Session

Pre-Employment Transitioning Listening Sessions

DORS will be working with Parents Place to set-up a series of listening sessions to get feed-back from parents. The sessions will be designed to help improve communication between parents, schools and counselors. These sessions will be scheduled in late June/July.

First half of Performance Year 21 performance update:

Statistics for Quarter 3:

Individuals who exited successfully – 249

Hourly wage at exit is \$15.47

Average hours worked per week – 27 hours

In the previous quarter there were 243 successes

Hourly wage - \$15.04

Measurable Skills Gains

Program Year Quarter 3 2020 – there were 181 Measurable Skills Gains

This quarter – 316 – Measurable Skills Gains

Percentage – just a little under 30% and we are heading towards 37%

Membership Discussion

Blindness and Vision Services – Penny Reader – Maryland School for the Blind and several other agencies are not running summer programs this year.

Membership Committee – Marsha Legg, Christy Stuart, and Rene Averitt-Sanzone’s SRC membership will expire in September 2022. A new Chair and Vice-Chair will need to be put in place in September.

Council Sharing

The Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council program has a new Facebook page and obtained a new Zoom Account. The new website went live on May 9, 2022. The MD SILC obtained a proclamation from Governor Hogan to designate May 5, 2022 as Maryland’s first Statewide Independent Living Day. This is the first Nationwide Independent Living Program Day designated.

Sandy Bowser has announced her retirement effective July 1st. Congratulations to Sandy!

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy Bowser

MSRC Staff Support