

CAC Meeting Notes July 19, 2014

In attendance: Dr. Carolyn Peters, Vice-Chair, Nate Jones, CAC Member, Darlene Clinkscale, CAC Member, Steve Thomas, CAC Member, Gregory Collier, Commissioner Jermaine Brown, Commissioner Jacqui Romer-Sensky, CAC Liaison Shirley Marchi, BVR Deputy Director Susan Pugh, Randall Jones, CAC Member, Greg Powers, CAC Member, Kiana Hill, CAC Member, Mike Snapp, CAC Member

Guests: Linda Peters, Driver, Teresa Burns-Thomas, Driver, Marilyn Kumen, Driver

Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Dr Peters called meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Steve Thomas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Greg Collier. Motion carried.

Approval of May 17, 2014 Notes

Steve Thomas moved to approve the May 17, 2014 Meeting notes, seconded by Greg Powers. Motion carried.

VR Updates

BVR Deputy Director Susan Pugh reported on the How to Select a Provider and self-disclosure tracking system. Benchmark for Job Placements is six months; the goal is for individuals to have an interview after two months of being with VR. OOD will be utilizing Ohio Means Jobs website as an employment tool. Website asks for self-disclosure for consumers needing special accommodations. Employers are recruiting persons with disabilities. Federal contracting employers have a mandate to employ persons with disabilities who self-disclose. The Federal guideline is 7% of workforce is to have people with disabilities. OOD's workforce is above the federal guidelines. There was much discussion regarding the pro's and con's of self-disclosing one's disabilities.

Additional discussion included OOD's success rates, service goals, OOD's changing culture and improving employment outcomes.

CAC Membership

Many consumers are unaware of the Consumer Advisory Committee. CAC marketing needs to be increased. OOD's website needs to be used to recruit new members. Counselors are the main source for CAC member recruitment. Open House suggested as method to recruit potential members. A counselor checklist for each consumer was suggested to determine if there is interest and if their consumer is a good CAC candidate. Another suggestion was to place CAC flyers in OOD offices' waiting rooms. The CAC member goal is to be diverse and represent all areas of Ohio. Several current members' terms will end in December.

There will be a CAC group photo at the September 20 CAC meeting. The group photo will be placed on OOD's website for marketing purposes.

CAC members are to submit their resumes to Shirley Marchi.

Other

Commissioners' Awards: Ben Bonanno Disability Advocate Award and the Denise Joanne Weisenborn Service Award nominations due July 25, 2014. Awards will be presented to the recipients at the Commissioners' October 15, 2014 meeting.

Adjourn

Nate Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Powers. Motion carried.