

CAC Meeting Notes

January 17, 2015

In attendance: Chair Dr. Carolyn Peters, Chair, Greg Collier, CAC Member, Russ Turos, CAC Member, Brenda Crider, CAC Member, Susan Pugh, Deputy Director, BVR, Shirley Marchi, CAC Liaison, Jermaine Brown, OOD Commissioner, Victoria Baker-Williford, CAC Member,

Teleconference: Jacqui Romer-Sensky, OOD Commission Chair

Guests: Kevin Willford, Driver,

Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Dr. Carolyn Peters called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Greg Collier moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Russ Turos. Motion carried.

Approval of Notes

Greg Collier moved to approve the November 15, 2014 notes with the following corrections: Add Russ Turos and Victoria Baker-Williford as CAC members in attendance, and add Kevin Willford as guest to the notes, seconded by Russ Turos. Motion carried.

VR Updates

Federal/State Legislation – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is in limbo because the US Department of Labor is defining the regulations. We have an Act but no regulations. The Act states 90 days for state VR agencies to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) for consumers. Ohio OOD allows 120 days for Plan development. OOD will be making changes to its policies to move from 120 days to 90 days for Plan development.

VR State Plan –

State Plan forums are not required by law. OOD may have public forums for the Unified State Plan. OOD needs CAC members help to bring in people with disabilities to attend the State Plan forums.

VR Needs Assessment – What is Role of CAC

The VR Needs Assessment will focus on transition. Our plan for the needs assessment has not yet been finalized. Once we have additional information, we will seek input from the CAC.

Disability Jobs Summit/Job Fairs – What is Role of the CAC?

CAC members would like to attend a VR staff meeting at a local office to talk about the CAC.

Due to timing, the *VR Successful Closures and What is Needed for a Successful Closure* topics were deferred to a future CAC meeting.

Other

CAC member Victoria Baker-Willford suggested OOD counselors be provided training on the ABLE Act. OOD is operating a pilot program and hiring benefits staff. The ABLE Act allows people to set aside income, doesn't count against their assets and is tax free.

OOD has a meeting scheduled next week and the ABLE Act will be discussed.

CAC members stated there are many people who have a history with temporary agency work. This could be a way to outreach to future consumers.

Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled on March 21, 2015. The CAC Charter is to be added as a topic to the agenda.

Adjourn

Greg Collier moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Turos. Motion carried.