

# **Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report**

## **Executive Committee**

The Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, was canceled.

The Council has two vacancies:

1. The representative of the Workforce Board
2. The Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP)

Director Fruendt and Stephanie Roe are assisting with the Workforce Board position, and the ORC Program Manager (PM) reached out to a potential member for the CRP position, but we have not received a response yet.

William Ginn attended the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), meeting on April 24, and presented the ORC report.

## **Planning and Program (P&P) Committee**

The Committee meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020, was canceled.

The Committee met via Zoom on Tuesday, March 31, with other Council members to review and provide feedback on the Access for All 5 Star Rating Rubric. The final version of the letter was sent to Stephanie Roe on April 9.

The ORC has been sharing Census information on a weekly basis, with all the members and other Councils to educate and encourage all Oklahomans to complete the 2020 Census.

The Open Case Survey Pilot was put on hold during the Shelter in Place ordinance. The Process Improvement Unit will give an update to the Committee during the June meeting.

## **Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee Report**

The Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, was canceled.

The Committee Chair, Jeff Newton and the ORC PM, attended the DRS awards at the Capitol for People of Disabilities Awareness Day on March 10. After the ceremony they participated and assisted with 14 Legislator visits.

One of the Committee's goals for this year was to visit State Legislators to share DRS information, resources, and success stories; however, because of the Shelter in Place ordinance, the goal had to be modified. The Committee provided feedback on the creation of two flyers that included information and links on DRS services and programs (attached), and they have been shared

with all State Legislators by email as well as with the state district staff of all of Oklahoma's Congressional members.

The P&L Committee provided feedback during the 5 Star Rating Rubric Zoom Meeting on March 31.

## **Transition Committee Report**

The Committee meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020, was canceled.

The Committee has shared resources with the Council during the pandemic, especially after most activities were canceled, and the schools began implementing distance learning for the remainder of the school year.

The Transition Committee invited Dr. Annie Baghdayan from the University of Oklahoma (OU) to present on Pre-Employment Transition Services (ETS) during the May Quarterly Meeting. The presentation included an overview of:

- What are Pre-ETS services?
- Who can receive Pre-ETS services?
- How to apply?

The Transition Committee provided feedback during the 5 Star Rating Rubric Zoom Meeting on March 31.

## **Employment Committee Report**

The Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020, was canceled.

The ORC PM has participated on behalf of the Committee in the DRS Business Summit planning committee meetings. The Summit will take place on October 15 in a virtual format.

The Employment Committee provided feedback during the 5 Star Rating Rubric Zoom Meeting on March 31.

The Committee has met five of its eight activities and is on track to meet them all.

## **ORC Program Manager Report**

Since our last Quarterly Meeting, the ORC PM participated in the 2020 Oklahoma Tribal Vocation Rehabilitation (OKTVR) Conference Planning Committee Meetings on February 18 and March 3. The Conference has been put on hold because of the pandemic; there are no current plans to hold a virtual one.

On March 10, Jeff Newton and the ORC PM, attended the DRS Awards at the Capitol for People with Disabilities Awareness Day. After the ceremony, they

participated and assisted in 14 Legislator visits, during which DRS information and resources was shared.

PM participated in the Housing Navigation Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), on March 26.

PM attended the Oklahoma Transition Council (OTC) Zoom meetings on March 11, April 27, and May 26.

PM participated in the Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development (GCWED) Zoom Meeting on April 24.

PM has attended the DRS Business Summit Planning Committee meetings on March 25 and May 18.

The PM has attended various webinars in this quarter including:

- Introduction to Accessibility in Adobe PDF on March 24
- VR100 Services on April 20
- ABLE Tech, Tech Thursday on April 23
- Pre-ETS on April 28
- nTIDE Special Report - Implications of COVID-19 on May 15
- About Reasonable Accommodation on May 28

## **Regular Meetings**

Department of Rehabilitation Services Commission Meeting on February 10, March 9, and April 23.

ABLE Tech Advisory Council Meeting on April 22.

*Respectfully submitted by  
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