

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report

Since the last report, ORC had its Quarterly Meeting via Zoom on February 17. We had an excellent presentation on the new Mobility Management Program from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation during the meeting. The PowerPoint is available on [ORC's Website](#).

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on March 17 via Zoom.

The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, and all the activities and objectives are ongoing.

There were two Council member resignations in April:

- Vicky Golightly – Advocacy Group Member
- Matthew Barnes – Business Industry and Labor (BIL) Member

Shelley Gladden, the ORC Chair, recommended a possible member for the Advocacy Group position, and her application has been submitted to Governor's office for approval. In the case of the BIL position, the ORC Program Manager (PM) is working with Yasmin Avila to find a replacement.

Program and Planning (P&P) Committee

The P&P Committee met on March 24 via Zoom.

The Committee continues to work with the DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit to start the Customer Satisfaction Survey pilot that was put on hold because of the pandemic in March of 2020. The pilot program will begin with the Assistive Technology (AT) surveys at the AT VR and SBVI units.

The staff training will start in May, and hopefully, the pilot will begin in late May or the first weeks of June.

Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee Report

The P&L Committee met on March 17 via Zoom.

The Committee participated during People with Disabilities Awareness Day (PWDAD), and ORC had a booth at the event. Shelley Gladden, Lori Chesnut, William Ginn, Tim Yeahquo, and the ORC PM attended the event.

The Committee also shared the updated 2021 ORC Legislative Primer and the DRS Services and Program flyers with all Oklahoma Legislators. The flyers are available for download on [ORC's website](#).

Transition Committee Report

The Transition Committee met on March 24 via Zoom.

Lori Chesnut from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) presented the FY2022 Child Count Data. This information is used by the DRS Transition and Process Improvement (PI) Units to identify the areas and populations that need to be reached in future activities.

The DRS Transition Unit also shared a great Student Success Story during the February ORC meeting. The student's name is Christian Roe, and he is an excellent example of what a determined student can accomplish and the great future he has ahead.

The Transition Committee continues to promote increased student and family involvement in transition planning during FFY22.

Employment Committee Report

The Employment Committee met on March 24 via Zoom.

The Committee continues to support and collaborate with DRS Business Services Program (BSP) by assisting them in their activities.

The Committee is hosting a webinar with the DRS BSP called Oklahoma's Industry Ecosystems & Workforce Updates. The webinar will take place on May 4, and the invitation was sent to all DRS Counselors and Staff. It will be presented by Dr. Sharon Harrison, one of ORC's Business, Industry, and Labor (BIL) members.

Program Manager (PM) Report

The PM participated in the ASPIRE Steering Committee Meeting on February 8.

The ORC PM participated in the National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils (NCSRC) meetings on behalf of the Council on 2/9/22.

On behalf of the Transition Committee, the PM participated in the Oklahoma Transition Council meetings on 2/10/22, 3/10/22, and 4/14/22.

The ORC PM attended the DRS Commission Meeting on behalf of the Council and reported the highlights on 2/14/22, 3/14/22, and 4/11/22.

The PM participated in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation Program Annual Policy review meeting on 2/10/22.

The PM coordinated the March ORC Committee Meetings.

The ORC had nine members participate in the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) Spring Virtual Conference, which took place on April 12-14.

The ORC PM attended the 2022 TechAccess Oklahoma Conference on April 19-21.

The PM participated in the ABLE Tech Advisory Council meeting on April 27, 2022.

The ORC PM attended the Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development (GCWED) meeting on April 29.

The next ORC Quarterly meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 9:30 am at the DRS State Office.

***Respectfully submitted by
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