

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on September 8, 2022, at the Strategic Planning (SP) meeting; all objectives and activities for FFY21 were met. The Committee appreciates the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Executive Team for assisting in this effort.

As the Committee overseeing the administration of the ORC contract, we are pleased to report the FFY22 budget was successfully closed.

ORC received one new member appointment and three reappointments in September:

- Julie Lackey, Advocacy Group Member, replaced Lindsay Horn
- Shelley Gladden reappointed for three more years
- Jeff Newton reappointed for three more years
- Shelly Rentz reappointed for three more years

The Committee kept their FFY23 Strategic Plan the same as FFY22 and met on September 22, 2022 to approve the final version of the FFY23 Strategic Plan.

Planning and Program (P&P) Committee

The P&P Committee met on September 8, 2022, during the SP meeting.

The Committee will continue to actively support the DRS Process Improvement (PI) Unit and DRS in the planning and development of the State Plan, the Customer Satisfaction Survey, and any other survey involving individuals with disabilities.

Policy and Legislative (P&L) Committee Report

The P&L Committee met at the SP meeting on September 8, 2022.

The Committee will continue to coordinate activities with other Councils within the State to avoid duplication of efforts and will partner with DRS to celebrate People with Disabilities Awareness Day (PWDAD).

The Council's Chair, Shelley Gladden, Sharon Harrison, the Employment Committee Chair, Allyson Robinson, and Carolina Colclasure, participated in the 2022 Fall National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils (NCSRC) Conference in San Antonio, Texas, October 29-30.

Transition Committee Report

The Transition Committee met on September 8, 2022, at the SP meeting.

The Transition Committee will continue to promote increased student and family involvement in transition planning by inviting transition students and families to share their transition experiences.

The Committee also assisted with the planning and execution of the 2022 Oklahoma Transition Institute (OTI). It took place on November 1 and 2, and the theme this year was You + Us = IMPACT. It was a hybrid event, and the in-person sessions were at Metro Tech in Oklahoma City. The event had over 300 people registered and 46 sessions, including team meetings.

Employment Committee Report

The Employment Committee met for the SP meeting on September 8, 2022.

The Employment Committee will continue to support and collaborate with DRS's Business Services Program (BSP).

Various Council members and the ORC Program Manager (PM) assisted the BSP with the Ready, Set, Go Career Expo held at Tulsa Tech on October 6, 2022.

A complete copy of the ORC FFY23 Strategic Plan has been shared with the Commission Assistant and can also be found on [ORC's website](#)

The ORC Quarterly Meeting calendar for FFY23 is as follows:

- Thursday, November 17, 2022, 9:30 am
- Thursday, February 16, 2023, 9:30 am
- Thursday, May 18, 2023, 9:30 am
- Thursday, August 17, 2023, 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted by
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