NH State Rehabilitation Minutes
Fall Retreat
September 28, 2017
Holiday Inn, North Main Street, Concord, NH

Attendance: Nancy Rollins, Chair, Charles Saia VC, Darren Beattie, Holly Cadwallader, Lisa Hinson-Hatz, Sandy Hunt, Michelle Lapointe, David Morgan, Lorrie Ripley, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Michael Rudis, Dave Smith, Maureen Tracey

Absent with excuse: Ann Ackerman, Larry Ashford, Sherry Burbank, Sam Caswell, Peter Darling, Jeff Dickinson, Corey Kotz, Courtney Lockwood, Chris Purington, and Therese Willkomm

VR Staff: Dee Clanton, Sharon DeAngelis, Bill Finn, Tina Greco, Ella McAllister, Kevin Stevenson

Interpreters: Laurie Meyer, Jean Brennan

PCA: Jeanne Keith

Staff Introductions

The meeting started off with a call to Rita Martin from CSAVR, who updated the SRC about current legislation affecting the ACA, which has not been able to move forward. Rita apprised the SRC about current legislation introduced by Congressman Greg Harper of Mississippi in regards to the Fair Wages for Worker Disabilities Act.

Vision 2020 Initiative – Lisa Hinson-Hatz - Lisa gave a power point presentation, the Vision 2020 Initiative. Lisa shared key messages from CSAVR.

Transition Update – Kevin Stevenson – Kevin presented to the SRC an update on Transition. Kevin shared with the SRC a summary of Pre-ETS suggested areas of focus, which are:

1. Job Exploration Counseling Module
2. Work-based Learning Experiences Module
3. Comprehensive Transition Program or Post-Secondary Education Module
4. Workplace Readiness Training Module
5. Instruction in Self-Advocacy Module

Integrate Initiative – Lisa Hinson-Hatz - Lisa presented to the SRC Integrate Autism Employment Advisors. Lisa shared that they use their experience advising employers on how to successfully employ professionals on the autism spectrum and to identify the everyday challenges faced by employees with ASD. They have reasonable and practical solutions for managers and colleagues, to successfully employ professionals on the autism spectrum to identify the everyday challenges faced by employees with ASD.

Lisa shared with the SRC of the "An Employer's Guide to Managing Professionals on the Autism Spectrum" which can be viewed on their web site http://www.jkp.com/usa/an-employer-s-guide-to-managing-professionals-on-the-autism-spectrum-2.html This is a comprehensive reference guide for managers and colleagues of people with Asperger's Syndrome.

Policy and By-Laws Overview – Ella McAllister – Ella gave an overview of VR policy and by-laws. Ella apprised the SRC that it has been a decade since the by-laws have been updated. Ella shared that in regards to policy, there are still areas not finished and there are things that need to added, for instance Social Media, new technology etc.

Sharon DeAngelis apprised the SRC of changes to the SRC By-Laws. Sharon handed out to the SRC a document comparing NH SRC By-Laws with WIOA. Some of the changes in the wording of NH SRC By-Laws suggested were: change of Director of the Division of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation to State VR Director, changing Division of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation to Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, meeting accessibility requirements, telephone voting.

Next Steps, Meeting Format Discussion and FY 2018 priorities – Nancy Rollins – Nancy led a discussion with the SRC about the meeting format, what time should we start, sub-committees meeting before the full SRC meeting, and topics for future SRC meetings. It was decided that the meetings will begin at 10:30 am with the sub-committees meeting in the morning and the business meeting following after.

Darren Beattie made the motion to adjourn; Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre seconded, all were in favor. Motion passed meeting was adjourned at 2:30

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at 21 South Fruit Street, 1st Floor, Room 100, Concord, NH