

NORRISTOWN 03/14/16 CAC MEETING MINUTES

CAC minutes-March 14, 2016

In attendance: Kevin Sands, David Mann, Jerome Greene, Michele Boardman, Dana Serlen, Mary Renner, Bill Beck, Josh Biittiger, Mary Berry Shields (by phone)

1. Discussion of videos-
 - Kevin shared that Denise Verchinak (OVR) needs to review videos before putting them out for public viewing.
 - IU site was difficult to navigate and there was trouble with the streaming. Kevin has the flash drive to make copies for review and the transcripts for close captioning.
 - Possibility of posting the videos on YouTube was discussed.
 - Josh will contact a friend with video experience to possible assist with close captioning.
2. CAC brochure-
 - Michele's brochure design was shared and discussed.
 - It was designed to recruit volunteers for the CAC. Discussion on brochure distribution focused on finding people to communicate/contribute to the CACs goals.
 - Kevin recommended reaching out through OVR staff and CAC members to people who would make good candidates.
 - It was also suggested that it be given to OVR clients as their case is successfully closed.
3. Margaret McKenna spoke via phone about the CAP (Client Assistance Program)
 - The CAP goal is to help people become employed.
 - Includes developing self advocacy skills for clients.
 - Offer legal assistance regarding Social Security and veterans.
 - Working to increase outlets for the transition age population.
 - Working with OVR on providing fair and timely assessments for transitioning youth to determine the appropriateness of sheltered workshops.
4. CIL
 - Josh Pittinger shared that the CIL is getting more involved in working with students 21 and aging out as well as high school dropouts to make smoother transition to OVR.
 - The CIL is a stepping stone to OVR.
 - Current data shows that there are 2 full time and 2 part time employees for 128 consumers.
 - State funding data shows that the budget was \$206,000 this year compared to over \$300,000 in the past.

5. Election for officers-
 - Unanimously elected were: Michele Boardman as chair and Mary Berry-Shields as co-chair. The position of secretary remains vacant.
6. David Mann has been nominated for a position on the Pennsylvania Rehab Council and is awaiting the governor's approval.
7. Annual OVR state plan meeting has not been scheduled.
8. Michele asked all to put thought into possible new projects for CAC members to consider. One suggestion was to create more videos. David shared that he is looking for a better mechanism to reach out to OVR customers with their concerns.