# Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council (ORC) Report

### Executive Committee

The committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 9:00 am, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), 3RD Floor Conference Room.

The 2019 ORC Annual Report was emailed on time to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), on December 19th before the deadline of December 31st, and it was hand-delivered to the Governor's Office on December 20th.

The Council has two vacancies:

1. The representative of the Workforce Board
2. The Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP), that Theresa Flannery vacated with her resignation at the end of the month.

William Ginn has accepted the position of ORC's representative to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), and will assist them during the process of creating the new State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

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

The Committee met on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 9:00 am at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), 3RD Floor Conference Room.

The Open Case Survey Pilot started on February 10th, on five DRS field offices, including Tulsa, Muskogee, Lawton, Ada, and Edmond. The ORC PM assisted the Process Improvement (PI) Unit with the delivery and training of 4 offices.

The PI Unit will review the progress of the pilot in 6 weeks and will update the Council on the next steps.

The committee will share information about the importance of completing the Census, the steps to complete it, and the ways to do it.

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

The committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 10:30 am, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), 3rd Floor Conference Room

Kevin Nelson, the DRS Legislative Liaison, shared about the following bills DRS is watching:

* Liability Bill; would exempt DRS from liability for actions of Blind Vendors from the Business Enterprise Program (BEP), particularly for contracts.
* SB1128; Deaf Educator Teacher Alternative Certification Bill
* SB1140; OMES IT Security Audit, the Social Security Administration (SSA) does not allow third-parties to access their systems audit due to privacy; therefore, it is unlikely this will impact DRS moving forward
* Concerns – SB174 Consolidation bill for Workforce entities for Department of Labor
* HB2834 Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council (Scheduled to Sunset)
* SB1407 Advisory Committee on Employees w/Disabilities; SB1410 Repeals the DHS Citizens Advisory Committee

The DRS Policy Changes for 2020 were reviewed during the committee meeting, and the members gave the ORC PM feedback to create the Letter of Support for the Public Hearings. The PM attended both Public Hearings on February 3rd in Oklahoma City and on February and 4th in Tulsa, on behalf of the Council and presented the DRS Policy Officer, Tina Calloway, with a copy of the letter.

The Committee is going to work on the planning of Congressional Visits during the second week of March. The PM will reach out to previous ORC Success Story Clients and will try to coordinate with their Legislators for a meeting to share their story and to provide ORC and DRS information.

PM will attend the Legislative visits along with DRS on March 10, as part of People with Disability Awareness Day.

### Transition Committee Report

The Committee met on Thursday, January 23, 2020, 10:45 am, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), 2nd Floor Conference Room.

The Committee will forward the DRS Transition Coordinator Renee Sansom, all the transitions resources the Council receives for upload on the DRS Transition Website.

After reviewing the ORC Quarterly Meeting schedule, the committee decided to ask Judy Goldston to present on Pre-ETS during the May Quarterly Meeting. The presentation may include a client, a Pre-ETS Specialist, and a VR Counselor.

The 2020 Special Education Child Count, will be presented in the next Transition Committee after the Department of Education finalizes the report.

### Employment Committee Report

The committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 1:00 pm, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Linda Jaco and Fatos Floyd recapped the meeting the Business Services Program (BSP), and ABLE Tech had with Kirsten Lindsey from Francis Tuttle Technology Center. The objective is to help students by building Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility objectives into their courses that will ensure access for all outcomes derived from more comprehensive learning strategies. Francis Tuttle has shown interest; Fatos will follow up with Kirsten.

Suzanne Williams provided an update on Individual Placement and Supports (IPS). IPS has 13 teams in 19 counties in Oklahoma, and the hope is that within the next six months, as part of a 4-year research project, will be providing IPS services to people with disabilities coming out of the Cleveland County Jail

The DRS Career Opportunity Expo took place on February 11th at Shepherd Center. The ORC PM attended the activity and assisted the BSP as a door greeter, a room monitor, and as an interviewer during mock interviews. The event was a success and very well attended.

Galt presented during the Expo its "How not to get Fired" training. They had two sessions, and both were full.

## ORC Program Manager Report

Since our last Quarterly Meeting, the ORC PM worked on the final details of the 2019 ORC Annual Report during November and December and submitted the report to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on December 19th before the deadline of December 31st, and it was hand-delivered to the Governor's Office on December 20th.

The PM met with Kevin Randall on November 8th, to provide the New ORC Member Orientation and materials.

On November 21st, the PM attended the Annual Alumni Celebration at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

The Oklahoma City Business Advisory Council (BAC) met on November 14th, and the PM attended to represent the Council. The main focus of the meeting was the planning of the DRS Career Opportunity Expo.

The General Counsel to the Attorney General and Staff of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office held a Seminar on Open Meetings and Records on December 19th at the Metro Tech Conference Center in Oklahoma City, and the PM attended on behalf of the Council.

The PM attended the BAC Meeting in Tulsa, on January 14.

The PM met with Melanie Berry on January 15, for her New Member Orientation.

On January 23rd, the PM attended the ABLE Tech Advisory Council Meeting and gave an update of the Council's activities and objectives.

The Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (OKTVR) Planning Committee met on January 28. The location and the theme of this year's conference have not been selected yet, but the committee is trying to book an out of State Speaker, once they have confirmation on her availability they will make the final decisions.

The PM assisted the DRS PI Unit with the iPad delivery and training for the Open Case Pilot Program in Edmond and Ada on January 29th, Lawton, on January 30th, and Tulsa on February 4th.

The PM attended the Lawton BAC meeting on January 30th.

The PM attended both DRS Public Hearings in Oklahoma City and Tulsa on February 3 & 4, respectively, and provided the Letter of Support to the DRS Policy Officer, Tina Calloway.

PM attended the DRS Business Services (BSP) Program Career Opportunity Expo on February 11 at Shepherd Center and served as a door greeter, a room monitor, and as an interviewer during mock interviews.

The PM is assisting and participating in the Planning Committee meetings of the DRS Business Summit and the 2020 OKTVR Conference; they met on February 25 and 18, respectively.

During the Quarterly meeting on February 20, the Access for All Star Task Force gave an in-depth presentation about the Access for All: Star Accessibility Framework. The Council had a chance to ask questions, and we will continue to work and will provide feedback to the Task Force after the committee meetings in March.

## Regular Meetings

Department of Rehabilitation Services Commission Meeting

ABLE Tech Advisory Meeting

Oklahoma Transition Council (OTC) Meetings

ORC Committee Meetings

***Respectfully submitted by***

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