

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

February 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1048 Pierpont, Lansing, Michigan

**Participation**

**Council Members Present**

Carol Bergquist, Sheryl Diamond, Carrie Dudek\*, Trina Edmondson\*, Brenda Henige\*, Michael Miller\*, David Szydowski\*, Jackie Tahtinen\*, Jennipher Wiebold\*

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Tina Fullerton\*, Bill Robinson

**DSU Liaisons Present**

Karsten Bekemeier, Lisa Kisiel\*

**DSU Staff Members Present**

Amie Weber, Nichole Lepley, Sue Luzenski, Mike Pemble

**MPAS** - Elham Jahshan\*

**SILC** - Steve Locke\*

**Guests Present** - Eleanor Cantor\*, Joe Harcz\*

NOTE: Council Member Tiffany Guthrie detained by severe weather in route to meeting.

\* Indicates participation via phone.

## **Minutes**

### Call to Order

Acting Chairperson, Carol Bergquist, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

### Roll Call

The MCRS Secretary, Sheryl Diamond, read the roll call. A quorum was present.

### Introductions and Welcome

### Forecast Public Comment

The Chairperson delivered the public comment participation message identifying 11:30 a.m. as the designated time for public comment

### Approval of Proposed Agenda

Jackie Tahtinen moved that the MCRS approve the February 12, 2019 agenda. Seconded. During discussion, the proposed agenda was revised. Jackie Tahtinen updated the motion to reflect approval of the revised proposed agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

### Chairperson's Report by Carol Bergquist

1. Today's Focus
  - a. MCRS: An Empowering Future
  - b. Changes to the MCRS infrastructure
  - c. A new direct relationship with the DSUs
  - d. Meeting norms and on the phone
2. Report from Executive Team Meeting
  - a. Technology obstacles
  - b. Executive Team vacancies

### Public Comment

Two public commenters participated via the phone.

### Old Business

None presented

### New Business

1. Filling vacant positions on the Executive Team
  - a. Chairperson called for volunteers willing to serve
    - i. Responding positively: Carrie Dudek, Brenda Henige, Jackie Tahtinen, Jennipher Wiebold
    - ii. Dave Szydlowski indicated willingness to continue service on the Regulatory Work Group

### DSU Reports

BSBP report delivered by Bill Robinson, Director, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

MRS report delivered by Tina Fullerton, State Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services

### Informal Discussion on Moving the Council Work Forward

#### 1. Structure of the Work Groups

a. Suggestions were shared about improving both the Work Group and Business Meeting structures, including:

- i. Round Robin format
- ii. Subject-themed meeting agendas
- iii. Calendar checks for Council mandates
- iv. Connecting the work from local and system perspectives
- v. Creating and sharing substantive and practical tools to use at meetings

b. Chairperson's query to the meeting: What can the MCRS be? Responses included:

- i. Springboard for continuous improvement
- ii. Opportunity for active partnering
- iii. Another voice heard (for the constituency)
- iv. An engaged group of members that include/engage the community beyond just Council members and each DSU.
- v. An active member of the Policy Cadre (DHHS)
- vi. Members trained and re-trained on the charge to the Council found in the law.

1. The Chairperson suggested that we utilize a resource for this training - Sherry Taylor, Executive Director of West

Virginia's SRC, and Vice President & Treasurer of the National Coalition of SRCs.

- vii. A group informed about practices of Councils in other states.
- viii. A Council with professional development needs in framing and refreshers about policy, procedures, processes, practices, data, and information.

### Table Talk and Wrapping Up

1. The Chairperson called for any member announcements
  - a. None shared.
2. Takeaways from today's meeting were shared voluntarily.
3. A To-Do list from today's meeting was confirmed, including:
  - a. Attempt to access electronic documents, including Strategic Plan and Work Group products
  - b. Examine election process and distribute information about filling Executive Team vacancies
  - c. Web site work
  - d. Contact Governor's appointment office
  - e. Finish Resource Plan
  - f. Create a refresher training about the Council purpose and mission.
  - g. Contact Sherry Taylor and arrange training
  - h. Research the Policy Cadre and Council participation in the Cadre

### Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

*Next meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2019.*