Draft Minutes
State Rehabilitation Council
PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2024 - 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting

Meeting called by:
Nick Caputo, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present:
- Nick Caputo
- Laura Flint
- Sherrie Brunelle
- Gina D'Ambrosio

Members Absent:
- Bill Meirs, excused

SRC Liaison:
- Amanda Arnold

SRC Coordinator:
- Janice Leonard

Speakers or Presenters:
- n/a

Guests:
None

Interpreters:
None

1) Introductions (Nick Caputo)
Discussion:
There weren't any new members or visitors, introductions not needed.

Conclusions:

Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:
None

2) Approval of Agenda (Nick Caputo)

Discussion:

Nick asked for any proposed additions or changes to the agenda. There were none. Sherrie moved to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Gina. No further discussion. All approved. Vote unanimous 4-0-0.

Conclusions:

Motion passes: today's agenda accepted   Approved

Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:

Finalize agenda and upload to SRC website, Janice Leonard, **6/30/2024.**

3) Open for Public Comment (Nick Caputo)
Discussion:

No one from the public was present

Conclusions:

n/a

Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:

None

4) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2024 (Nick Caputo)
Discussion:

Nick asked for any proposed changes or amendments to the minutes from February. Laura moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Gina. No discussion. All approved. Vote unanimous 4-0-0.

Conclusions:

Minutes were approved.

Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:

Upload approved minutes to SRC website, Janice Leonard, **6/30/2024.**

6) Unmet Mental Health Needs (Amanda Arnold)
Discussion:

a. See the PowerPoint for the detailed data
b. Data was pulled with a comparison for general HA participants and pulled out disability types related to Mental Health:

Amanda presented data and analysis on the unmet mental health needs of the VR program's participants, breaking down the data by disability type, service utilization, and employment outcomes. The group discussed the implications of the findings.

The data that we're looking at general HA participants and pulled out specific disability types that fall under Significant Mental Illness.

- Specifically (Using Rehabilitation Services Administration/RSA Specific Categories)
    - Mental Illness
    - Personality Disorders
    - Schizophrenic & Psychotic Disorders
- Some are closed and some as still open
- Cases open since 2022, some open and some closed

  - We have served 1923, (about 35% of total population served. 3500 fall into other categories)
  - Since 2022 we currently still have 1034 open
  - Average time, nearly a year, similar to other cases
  - Percent of cases that get closed successfully (employed 90 days or more) is 6% vs 11% for people with other disability types.
  - Employed during their time with us is 30% for this group vs 26% other disability types
  - Percent of group completing some education or training beyond high school is 9% vs 12% for other disability types
  - 65% of this group have an external partner working on their case with them (CRT, JOBS, VABR, etc.) vs 65% of other disability types
  - Paid service that is directly connected to employment goal is 44% for this group vs 34% of other disability types
  - Paid service in support of a training or education program is 17% vs 12% for other disability types.
  - The needs assessment identified a significant unmet need for MI. This is looking at all those with MI. This would indicate that there is x number of those MI category people who are eligible and not receiving services.

Encouraged not a huge discrepancy between Mental Illness (MI) and non-MI participants.

Data is currently inaccurate to look at data for those not successful.

  - Completed Career Training Offset (CTO) (paid minimum wage for their time to attend training or education program, this group has 4% vs 3% for other disability types
  - Completed work-based learning is 9% vs 14%
  - Paid work experience (PWE) is at 4% vs 5%

Conclusions:
Encouraged not a huge discrepancy between Mental Illness (MI) and non-MI participants.

Employer Board for VCAP – ask them to look at what there is to support Employers – Amanda will follow up.

Great presentation and information. Thanks Amanda!

Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:
Next Steps? This group use this information vs Needs Assessment in the Fall. Amanda to get information on the trends in unmet needs in this population for the last 5 years.

Could there be collaboration between DMH & HA. Do we pass this along to AOE to work on advocating for additional funding?

Put on Steering Committee radar to put on Full SRC agenda– what advocating needs to be done.

7) Other Business (Nick Caputo)
    a. Agenda Setting for October 3, 2024
       Discussion:
- 30 min, f/u to MH unmet need data
- Amanda will send ideas for fall topic.

       Conclusions:

       Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:
       Upload draft agenda to the SRC website, **Janice Leonard, 6/30/2024**

8) Adjournment (Nick Caputo)
    The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Meeting Action Items, Person Responsible and Deadlines:
- Finalize agenda and upload to SRC Website, **Janice Leonard,** 6/30/24.
- Draft minutes for this meeting, send to Committee Chair for review and upload to SRC website, **Janice Leonard,** 6/30/24
- Finalize approved minutes for last meeting and upload to SRC website **Janice Leonard,** 6/30/24.