

The PRC has had a successful year. We have reviewed a lot of HigherAbility case data including how well we are serving the population of people with social emotional disorders. We looked at the factors that led to successful outcomes including wrap around services, appropriate accommodations, and progressive employment engagement. But most of our work was focused on the needs assessment. Each meeting has centered around a different aspect of the assessment including HireAbility services to people with disabilities and how the service has compared over the past few fiscal years. We looked more closely at youth and students with disabilities numbers. The next PRC meeting will look at other populations. Overall, the numbers show that the effect of COVID is still being felt (as of FY22 fewer persons served, fewer closures except for under 25-year-olds – due to a focus on youth). However, the most recent data shows this trend is starting to move towards pre-Covid numbers.

The role of the committees

1. What makes for a strong committee?
 - a. invested committee members.
 - b. diverse experience among the committee
 - c. personal experience with issues or experience with loved ones
 - d. willingness to devote time to the work.
 - e. engagement - asking thoughtful questions and being open.
2. How do you see yourself contributing to us having this strong committee?
 - a. See above
3. What are one or two things you would like to see the committee change or do more of?
 - a. Continue to receive high quality presentations as this has been very valuable to our work.
 - b. open more channels to receive direct feedback from consumers/make sure everyone can add their voice.

Afternoon committee breakout

1. What would you like the priorities of your committee to be in the year ahead?
 - a. Complete the needs assessment review and then review of state plan
2. What is the work plan including the goals and action steps to get there?
 - a. Move through the assessments and have any questions addressed. Ensure committee members are secure in their understanding of the issues and services.
3. What should be the rules of committee members?
 - a. To be present, engaged, and aware of any missing areas in need of assessment.