

**Governor's State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)
Employment and Community Partnerships Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017**

Members Present

Carol Carr*
Adam Robson*
Carlos Paraskevas*
Judith Castro*
Jennifer Phillips*
Chuck Tiller*

Members Absent

Sherri Carparelli
Rob Crawford

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers, Admin. Assistant
*Teleconferenced

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Carol Carr called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of February 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Adam Robson moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 SRC Employment and Community Partnerships Committee meeting. Judith Castro seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous voice vote.

Employment First Initiative Update

Adam Robson stated the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) continued to develop a joint guidance document. Mr. Robson stated the document had not received final approvals, although he did not anticipate any opposition. Adam Robson stated once the document was approved, he would distribute the information to the committee and SRC Full Council. Carol Carr stated Section 511 was previously distributed for public comment, and noted there had been discussion regarding clarity and content.

WIOA Discussion

Adam Robson stated the Employment First Initiative Infographics would be submitted to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) regarding subminimum wage requirements required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Mr. Robson noted once the Infographic was submitted, AHCCCS had fifteen days to review the document. Carol Carr stated she received information regarding a potential reduction in federal funding for WIOA. Ms. Carr agreed to forward the information to Lindsey Powers to distribute to the committee members.

Chamber of Commerce Outreach Discussion

Carol Carr stated she contacted the Yuma Chamber of Commerce and had not received a response thus far. Ms. Carr stated she intended to reach out to the Chamber again in April prior to the next committee meeting. Adam Robson stated if Carol Carr had an update by the next SRC Full Council meeting, Ms. Carr could provide that update at that meeting. Carol Carr agreed to share an update at the next SRC Full Council meeting.

Subminimum Wage Effect on Benefits Discussion

Carol Carr stated Proposition 206 was denied through the courts, and noted the minimum wage would be \$10.00. Ms. Carr stated the providers offering services to clients would be affected substantially. She stated part of the Proposition included the requirement that individuals receive one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked. Carol Carr stated Proposition 206 would impact the providers in Flagstaff significantly, if the minimum wage increased to \$12.00.

Adam Robson stated Jennifer Phillips had inquired previously regarding whether AHCCCS had performed an analysis regarding the impact of minimum wage on AHCCCS enrolled members. Mr. Robson stated individuals receiving Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) services automatically qualified. He noted AHCCCS was researching internal data regarding the percentage of Serious and Chronic Mental Illness (SMI) individuals approved for ALTCS services. Adam Robson stated in 2014, out of 35 individuals, 27 individuals were denied and in 2016, out of 25 individuals, 14 were denied. Jennifer Phillips thanked Adam Robson for the update.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SRC Employment and Community Partnerships Committee will be on Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 10:00 pm to 11:30 am. in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Agenda items are as follows:

- Employment First Initiative Update

- WIOA Discussion
- Chamber of Commerce Outreach Discussion
- Self-Employment Plan Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

A call was made to the public with no comments forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:53 pm.