

## **CAC Minutes**

**Date: February 8, 2022**

**Time: 1:00pm**

**Meeting Held: Virtual- MS Teams**

In Attendance: Stacey Collins- OVR Supervisor, Ashley Wilson- OVR Supervisor, Julaine Roth- OVR Clerical, Katrina Stern-Disability Empowerment Center, Andrew Pennington Client Assistance Program, Stefani Eichelberger, Vicki Dettinger, HR Recruiter Fulton Bank

### **Updates**

- Staff continue to meet at alternative sites. We are still closed to the public and not meeting customers in person at our location. Staff have been meeting at various locations such as Career Links, Schools and Community Partner Locations. If the customer has the ability to meet virtually, they will meet via Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams, etc. If they don't have access, they are having meetings by phone.
- OVR gearing up for reopening- Supplies are currently being ordered
  - Offices will have masks- available for customers upon request
  - Increase in Cleaning supplies
  - Staff will continue to wear mask- optional for customers. Since our meeting masks are not mandatory for employees.
  - Date of opening to the public TBD once supplies are delivered to DO's
- CAC brochure follow up disseminated, will find out how to print.
- York DO Annual Goal: 483
  - 26 goal – 53%
  - 02 goal – 91%
  - 10 goal - 94%
- Gearing up for My Work Initiative for the upcoming summer 2022
  - Provide High school students with disabilities a paid work experiences in the local community. 6–8-week program
- 2022 State Employment Internship Program (SEIP)- sponsored by OVR & the PA Office of Administration (OA)
  - Opportunity for college students with a disability to receive hands-on experience in state/ government workforce
  - Program runs from June 6, 2022, to August 12, 2022

- Qualifications: Must be 18 and OVR eligible, currently attend an accredited degree program with at least one semester of college credits completed and enrolled full-time for the 2022 summer trimester or 2022 fall semester
- Paid Internship- internship hired fulltime (37.5 hrs.)
- Internship opportunities in the areas of: Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia locations

### **Vacancies**

- 2 clerical, 1 Fiscal in a conditional offer, 1 Employment Facilitator, 1 Social Worker, and 4 VRC 1 ERC
  - 1 Anticipated Supervisor Position- Retiring April 2022
  - All OVR offices have vacancies- All offices are competing for same candidates- Job Seekers Market with OVR
  - York DO staff was hit hard with COVID-19 for month of Dec. & Jan.- Staff is back in the upswing

### **Update to Early Reach Summer Academy**

- Recap- Early Reach Summer Academy Program is for transition age students. Goal is to introduce students to STEAM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)
- Program partnerships are PSU Harrisburg campus, Harrisburg & York OVR DO's
- 2-week program running July 18- July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Update- Summer Academy will not be running at PSU Harrisburg campus as anticipated due to retirements and changes to PSU staffing. OVR is currently exploring other options. It is certain that there will be no overnight component to the program, and it will be delivered either totally remote or partially remote with some in person day activities.

### **CAC's Special Project Tasks**

- Project- How to get information about COVID resources to people with disabilities
- How to get our customers to access information, healthcare, and services pertaining to COVID.
- There is data that demonstrates that there are disparities in access to COVID resources for folks with disabilities/especially for those with disabilities who are Latino or African American. How can we help our customers get access to COVID Resources?
- There is a CDC link that provides information on how individuals with disabilities can access COVID-19 Resources- email will be sent to CAC members.
- Email link- : [COVID-19 Information and Resources for People with Disabilities | CDC](#)

## **Katrina**

Executive director passed away and interim Deb Stumpf

## **Vicki**

It is definitely a candidate market, challenging to find qualified candidates in all markets. She also share with us a link for jobs at Fulton Bank.

## **Andrew**

Asked about Business Services Representative. Ashley contributed that we have Brenda Bowersox helping with her experience.

Was at the YDO staff meeting and how mandatory obligation to inform customers

Nothing in particular happening. Having ups and downs like all

- 10/01 new fiscal year.
- Reach out to all district offices, and appearing at one of the Staff meetings,
- Questions to DA

**Next meeting on May 10, 2022.**