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Governance Committee Minutes for January 19, 2023

Members Present (P)

Not Present (NP)

Julia Grant Barol (P)

Paul Fogle (NP)

Susan Tomasic (P)

William Del Toro Vargas (P)

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Staff Present: James Whitonis, Cheryl Novak

Project Staff Present: Chris Todd

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was conducted through Zoom. Ms. Susan Tomasic called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PAST MEETING MINUTES

MOTION was made by Mr. William Del Toro Vargas for approval of today's agenda and past meeting minutes. Ms. Julia Barol seconded the motion. All were in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Continue Discussion / Review and Revision of PaRC Member Handbook, Policies, and Procedures

Members requested further discussion on more detailed language regarding waivers / rates for attendants

Including the document, "PaRC Committees' Steps for Providing Review and Recommendation for any Proposed Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Policy" within the Member Handbook

- Members suggested adding language that specifies that the PaRC will not pay for attendant care when those supports are being paid through a waiver or other

program. Also include language that specifies that the PaRC will pay for attendant care hours that are not being covered by the waiver or other program and that attendants are eligible for meal reimbursement.

- Members agreed to include the document as written "PaRC Committees' Steps for Providing Review and Recommendation for any Proposed Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Policy".

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol include the document "PaRC Committees' Steps for Providing Review and Recommendation for any Proposed Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Policy". Mr. William Del Toro Vargas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to accept the revisions to the Member Handbook and recommend moving forward to the Executive Committee for review. Mr. William Del Toro Vargas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Review of New Member Orientation

Determine Presenters and Dates/Times to Poll New Members for Scheduling Orientation

Revisions to PowerPoint Presentation for Orientation

- Ms. Susan Tomasic has volunteered to help with presenting orientation. Prior to polling new members for determining to meet for orientation the list of presenters and format of orientation will need to be determined. Members agreed to open the opportunity to present to members of the Executive Committee. Ms. Julia Barol also volunteered to help present.
- Members agreed that the revisions to the PowerPoint Presentation on member orientation looked great and had no further changes or suggestions.

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to move forward to the Executive Committee the revised PowerPoint Presentation on member orientation. Mr. William Del Toro Vargas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Schedule upcoming Committee Meetings

Quarterly meetings for remainder of Calendar Year would be 4/20/2023, 7/27/2023, 10/26/2023

- Members agreed to hold the next committee meeting for the nomination of officers process, review of applications, attendance of current membership, and/or revisions to Council Bylaws or Handbook for March 23rd from 2PM to 3PM. Additional tentative quarterly meeting dates are also set for 4/20/2023, 7/27/2023, and 10/26/2023.

Adjourn

MOTION was made by Ms. Julia Barol to adjourn. Mr. William Del Toro Vargas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.