



Florida Rehabilitation Council (FRC)

Michael Wiseman – Chair

DRAFT Full Council Conference Call Minutes-March 8, 2018

Members Present

Mikey Wiseman
 Bob Campbell
 Ann Robinson
 Michael Adamus
 Beth Moore
 Donte Mickens
 Patrick Cannon

Staff

Roy Cosgrove
 Kim Thomas

VR Staff and Guests

Libby Moody
 Lucy Mohs

The following represents a summary of deliberations, advice, comments and motions that comprise this meeting of the FRC Quarterly Meeting. Please see each committee for committee minutes.

Agenda Item Discussion	Outcome/Action
<p><u>Call to Order</u> Mikey Wiseman, FRC Chair, called the meeting to order.</p>	<p>Council Quorum Established</p>
<p>Mikey reviewed the agenda and members approved. Mikey asked for approval of minutes for the February 8th conference call. Ann motioned for approval; Donte seconded the motion. Minutes approved.</p>	<p>Vote: Minutes approved February 8, 2018.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Business Items</u></p> <p><u>Evaluation/Planning Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie was not available to report on draft policy changes; Libby will ask Julie to share . • Libby reported on the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA). She said the agency has had a conference call with San Diego State; they are in the preliminary stages of development and will be drafting the survey and interview questions soon, which will be provided to the Council for review. Libby reminded everyone that San Diego State is coordinating the assessment, not VR, and they may require a quick turnaround time. DBS will not be joining VR in purchasing the CSNA from San Diego State. The survey will be accessible through the use of Qualtrics software. • The State Plan has been approved by the Commissioner and is being sent to RSA. Libby said she will be sending an email to all stakeholders, notifying them that the State Plan will be available for feedback. She asked that members please forward to all interested parties. Anything can be commented on in the Plan before it's submitted and if it's a big problem, it can be changed. • Ann reminded the agency that the Council needs to be informed early in the Administrative Rules drafting process. 	<p>Quorum established</p> <p>Action: Libby will ask Julie to send any new information on draft policy changes to Roy/Kim.</p>

- Ann discussed that the workgroup has been working with Market Decisions on the Moderator’s Guide for the upcoming focus group on communication, to be held in Miami and Jacksonville in mid-April. Market Decisions will give a preliminary report in person in May with a full report at the August quarterly.

Legislative/Public Awareness Committee

- Roy discussed potential ideas for the Annual Report theme and asked for feedback. Michael A. suggested combining 2 of the themes-“VR Works” and “Your Success is Our Focus”. Patrick recommended Roy send an email to all, requesting more ideas to choose from.
- FAAST will be presenting before the public forum on May 15th. Patrick said members should find local entities who may be interested to personally invite to the meeting. Roy asked if members would send local contacts to Kim/Roy. Patrick will make some calls and report back at the April conference call.
- Lucy gave an update on the Workman’s Compensation bill, HB 1437, which passed both houses and is on its way to the Governor. She thanked everyone for their help and said she will be working with DBS, DOE and Chambers of Commerce for a media campaign to roll out the bill. The approved continuation budget has no FTE reductions and all current projects are still funded, i.e., the Help Desk, High School High Tech, FAAST, Independent Living and Adults with Disabilities grants. VR got some money for a partial upgrade to the RIMS case management system and \$900,000 for enhanced security and ADA modifications for VR facilities. The agency also received budget authority to spend \$750,000 which will probably be used for an employment or transportation initiative. Lucy will be doing a legislative summary and implementation plan which will be shared with the Council.

Executive Committee

- Roy reminded everyone-If you are up for reappointment, you need to get your application in to the Governor’s Appointments Office. John Henry Douglas may not be able to reapply due to medical issues.
- Kim explained that attendance at the Go-To meetings for the quarterly presentations has been consistently low, e.g., only 6 at the January meeting, 4 of which were VR staff. Due to mostly the low participation, resources used to run the meeting and the (small) amount of additional money required for AV, it was suggested that the Director’s Report and Customer Satisfaction presentation be uploaded onto the website so that interested persons could view the presentations while on the conference call. Patrick suggested the presentations be posted on the VR main page and not the FRC page, for easier access. Beth and Ann felt that Adobe Connect would be a better alternative. Armando Oliva clarified that VR uses Adobe Connect for internal training only; it is an internal application and cannot reach out externally due to network configurations, increases to bandwidth, licensing, etc. Beth said she would talk to her bureau chief at DOE to see if they could loan out the license for FRC meetings. She will send meeting information to Kim and Roy to view their next meeting via Adobe Connect.
- Roy gave a brief explanation of the VR Works training that was received by HQ staff and asked the Council if they would like to have an abbreviated training at the May quarterly by Melinda Jordan. Ann said she could work with Roy and Kim on the main points that she feels the Council would want to know about. Mikey asked that the option be explored, if it could be pared down to less than 2 hours.

Quorum established

Action: Roy send an email to all, requesting more ideas to choose from for the Annual Report theme.

Quorum established

Action: Beth will send meeting notice to Kim and Roy and will ask her bureau chief if BEESS license could be loaned to the FRC for the quarterly meetings.

Action: Roy will find out if Melinda can present an abbreviated VR Works training

- Presentations for the May quarterly will include FFAST (Michael Daniels), CSNA (Libby) and probably VR Works (Melinda Jordan). Mikey asked if anyone has anything else they would like to be put on the agenda, to let him and VR staff know.
- Roy reported that there have been no submissions for the Wise Award yet. He will send out another email blast about it. He reminded members to let Kim know of their travel plans to Sarasota.

Adjourned

at the May quarterly.

Action: Ann will work with Roy and Kim main points for the VR Works training.