



Florida Rehabilitation Council

Andy Houghton, FRC Chair
TEAMS Meeting, January 30, 2024

Members:

Andy Houghton, Tammy Davis, Delaina Parrish, Allison Klein, Matti Wieczorek, Victoria Gaitanis, Christopher Romero, Darlene Laibl-Crowe

VR Staff:

Kim Thomas, Roy Cosgrove, Emilia Murphy, Terry Hoffman, Libby Moody

The following represents a summary of deliberations, advice, comments and motions that comprise this FRC meeting.

Call to order-Quorum established

The Council Chair discussed that the purpose of the meeting was to review the amendments to the council's recommendations to the 2024-2028 State Plan.

VR's Acting Director discussed that all aspects of the Plan need to be reviewed. The order of the language was moved around and some items were reworded to help with the flow and to better align with other portions of the document. Andy said he felt the intent of the recommendations have not changed.

A Council Committee Chair discussed adding language to Recommendation 4, Rights and Conflict Resolution, about implementing strategies to convey the information about rights to VR participants and staff, either through the website or other communication outlets. VR's Acting Director discussed that decision letters are currently being amended to improve the process and language regarding rights. They meet with Disability Rights Florida (DRF) quarterly to discuss improvements. The agency emails decision letters and has recently moved to sending utilizing tracked mail either via USPS certified or Fed EX. The context of the recommendation did not change; therefore, no action was taken.

The Council Chari shared that he feels that the language represents the responsibilities of the council rather than their opinions. After discussion, the council approved the recommended language provided.

Public comments-None

Adjourned