

**Office of Disability Rights
Olmstead Community Integration Council
Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2009

I. Call to order

DC Office of Disability Rights (ODR) called to order the regular meeting of the Olmstead Community Integration meeting at 10:00AM April 14, 2009 in 441 4th St., NW – Conference Room # 1114 South.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Derrick Bailey (DHCF), Charles Butler (DCCPD), Edith Coakley (OSSE), Kevin Dougherty (MS Society), Melissa Eversley (CFSA), Bob Guttman (CHV), Lauren Johnson (LTCOP), Judith Karsevar (City Councilmember Wells), Caroline Kobek Pezzarossi (ODR), Jennifer Lav (ULS), Jessica May (OCA), Derek Orr (ODR), Mary Ann Parker (LTCOP), Tony Records (TRA Consulting), Rebecca Salon (Project Action!), Vivi Smith (DMH), TJ Sutcliffe (The Arc of DC), Erica Thomas (GUCCHD), John Thompson (ADRC), Andrea Weisman (DYRS), Cheryl Williams (CFSA), Robert Williams (DDS)

III. Open issues:

C. Pezzarossi confirmed that Draft of the Plan has been released to all committee members and to public via website.

DC: One Community for All is to be considered as a living document so updates to the Plan will likely be made on an ongoing and as-needed basis.

- DC: One Community for All was released for public comment on April 8, 2009.
 - Initial comment period was open until April 21, 2009.
 - Caroline Pezzarossi conveyed that the community comments and feedback should be finalized as soon as possible and forwarded to the City Administrator's office by April 24, 2009 if possible.
 - To provide greater flexibility and collect more feedback, the comment period was extended to May 15, 2009.
 - Comments would be accepted via web forms available on the ODR website or emails to ODR or other participating agencies.
 - It was asked if any type of forums will be held for public input/comment and Derek Orr said yes, some forums should be scheduled and conducted by individual agencies to include their target population.

Olmstead Community Integration Council

- The Executive Committee has been renamed as the Olmstead Steering Committee

- The Olmstead Community Integration council will set goals and have benchmarks for the Olmstead Steering Committee
- Meeting frequency
 - Every quarter with the full Olmstead Community Integration Council

Olmstead Steering Committee (originally Executive Committee)

- Frequency of meetings
 - Participants agreed that the Olmstead Steering Committee will meet at least once a month for continuing the oversight of the implementation of the Plan.
 - The Committee should be roughly made up of 12 representatives, to include:
 - Two individuals from consumers, family members, service providers, advocacy orgs, not-for-profit orgs, caretakers and government agencies.
 - There was discussion about increasing number of consumers to approximately 5 members to ensure adequate representation and input from this group.
 - It was suggested that one member be a “youth”
 - Derek suggested that one be a nursing home resident.
 - Bob Williams (DDS) recommended representation of the group – 51% of the committee should be comprised of persons with a disability
 - It was suggested that members have experience with MFP and long-term care
 - Nominations due April 21, 2009

Purpose of the Olmstead Steering Committee

- Responsible for continuing the oversight of the implementation of DC: One Community for All
 - There was concern that the Plan would collect dust if there was not an active Olmstead Steering Committee overseeing the implementation of the plan.
 - It was noted more than once that D.C. is one of the last states/territories to develop an Olmstead plan.
 - It was suggested that the committee set goals and have benchmarks.
 - Remaining as current as possible regarding available resources, numbers, and issues in the District
 - Review the numbers/statistics from the agencies for monitoring purposes.

IV. Adjournment

Caroline M. Kobek Pezzarossi adjourned the meeting at 12:00PM.
 Minutes submitted by: Caroline M. Kobek Pezzarossi