

**Program Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 15, 2016 at 4:30 pm**

Attending: Kevin O'Reilly, Ann Nelson, John Milek, Bob Peterson, Heidi Smith, Leslie Swartling

Absent:

**Agenda**

**VA Report Status**

- VA update: None
- 245 Serious Injury Report update: None

**Funding and Program Updates**

- Program Update: We have 288 active clients as of 2/15/2016. In February 2015, we had 284 active clients. We opened 7 case files and closed 5.
- Legislative Update: Surveys we need to complete: Truven (DHS) DWRS Non-Wage Component Provider Survey, MOHR DWRS Non-Wage Component Provider Survey and DHS Staff Stability Survey. A member of MOHR was able to develop a tool that will allow providers to compare current revenues to 2019 DWRS implementation. Leslie will be attended an open forum on the EE Rule Change in March 2016. Attached is the EE Legislative Priorities.
- Heidi will be sending a letter to WCCS in regards to 2016 County funded clients.
- Winona Daily News Story
- POP Report: Survey Monkey

**Placement Update YTD 2015**

Programs	Full Time	Part Time	Total (No Temp job)	Temporary	2015 YTD	2014 YTD
Extended Employment	13	24	37	8	45	51
Individual Placement & Support (IPS)	7	14	21	1	22	14
Welfare to Work	0	0	0	0	0	3
Career Options	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rehabilitation Services	0	5	5	0	5	3
Rehab. Service Community Partners	1	3	4	0	4	3
Total	21	46	67	9	76	74

**Placement Update YTD 2016 (January 1 to February 15, 2016)**

Programs	Full Time	Part Time	Total (No Temp job)	Temporary	2016 Total	2015 Total
Extended Employment	3	2	5	2	7	3
Individual Placement & Support (IPS)	0	2	2	0	2	5
Welfare to Work	0	0	0	0	0	0
Career Options	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rehabilitation Services	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rehab. Service Community Partners	1	0	1	0	1	0
Total	4	4	8	2	10	10

**Safety/Maintenance:**

- Safety Dashboard. This is a path that was developed to keep our facility safe. It includes pictures of areas that need to be addressed.
- We talked about the open Facility Manager position. We are still looking for the right fit for the position.

**Transportation**

- New Bus. It was reported that it will be arriving soon.

**Other:** Hour capacity report will stay on the agenda in 2016.

**Topics for Next Meeting:**

**Next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2016 at 4:30pm.**

Submitted by, 

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**MINNESOTA ORGANIZATION FOR  
HABILITATION & REHABILITATION  
EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**2016  
LEGISLATIVE  
PRIORITIES**

**“Access, Choice and Quality for Minnesotans with Disabilities”**

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

**SENATE FILE 1114 (Sen. Saxhaug)/HOUSE FILE 1172 (Rep. Gunther)\***  
Increase Extended Employment- Basic (EE-Basic) rates by \$2 million to address inadequate and growing disability workforce needs.

- EE-Basic rate is stagnant at \$4.06 per person/hour.
- Allocation needs to be adjusted due to increased general employer costs (eg; health care, workers compensation, wage adjustments).
- Allocation hasn't been adequately increased for rate of inflation since 2007.
- EE provider rate increase necessary to adequately sustain **current** EE case load costs and meet underserved/unserved EE populations.

Provide \$12 million in Olmstead transition costs to EE Providers for increased employment and supports in non-center-based settings.

- U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, federal program changes and pending EE Rule changes will create costly changes to EE system.
- EE provider rate increase necessary to accommodate court mandate to transfer center-based clients to more costly community-based programs.
- Without state financial assistance, **rural-based EE providers cannot fully serve rural Minnesotans with disabilities.** Residents will become more isolated rather than more integrated into the community and increase state cost of services.

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