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## **Provider Capacity Committee** **Minutes**

May 25, 2023  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Zoom  
Meeting ID: 835 5033 0044

**Members Present:** Chair, Jeff White, Staci Cain, Katie Wolf Whaley, and Lori Norton

**Members Absent:** Todd Coffey, Annette Jett, Leslie Hoffman

**Staff Present:** Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) Administrator, Nanci Howard, KYOVR Administrative Specialist, Pepper Caudill and KYOVR Manager, Ron O’Hair

**Staff Absent:** None

**Guest(s) Present:** Kentucky Office of Adult Education Director, Aaron Poynter, Think Supported Living Representative, Sara Lynn, and Seven Counties Representative, Cathy Anderson.

### **Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review:**

Chair, Jeff White opened meeting and explained that guests would be in attendance. He mentioned that Jill Brown, a case manager from Steps Ahead was invited however she had not shown any further interest in attending the meeting, since the invite was received. Jeff stated that he has yet to find a Support Broker however he is working on this. Chair, Jeff White and member, Lori Norton explained that there was scheduling difficulties bringing in an IPS representative. Jeff confirmed with Administrator, Nanci Howard that the minutes from the previous meeting needed to be approved. Chair, Jeff White called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023, meeting. **Member, Katie Wolf Whaley made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023, meeting, a second was provided by member, Lori Norton. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Chair Report:**

Chair Jeff White, asked Administrator, Nanci Howard to screenshare a Word document that was attached to the meeting invite. He began narrating and explaining the information listed in the Word doc, to members and guests in attendance, which included the following points;

- Facilitate collaboration between employment service providers and case managers.

- Support employment trainings for Personal Directed Services staff.
- State Guardianship and how to access additional spendable dollars from earned income.
- Pooled Special Trusts/Special Needs Trusts and Able Accounts – how can this money be spent?
- Transportation issues.

Jeff then asked guest, Kentucky Office of Adult Education Director, Aaron Poynter to provide a brief introduction of himself to the group. Jeff also asked member, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Income Support and Administrator for the Kentucky Disability Determination Services Program, Staci Cain to provide a brief introduction of herself to the group. Staci made mention that Kentucky is leading the nation with several of her department's workloads as the only state that doesn't have backlogged cases.

### **Subcommittee Discussion:**

Chair, Jeff White invited members in attendance to bring to the table any other topics or issues that this committee should be concerned with. He asked member, Lori Norton to share her insight of IPS and any concerns therein. Lori stated that her group's goal is to expand further across the state however there is the matter of staffing and training which poses a concern. Currently her group is researching different grant funding sources to aid in the expansion. Guest, Cathy Anderson stated her concern is that there needs to be further education of what IPS, is. Lori spoke of partnerships and the IPS program and went on to give an overview of what the IPS program, is. There was further discussion of IPS program amongst members and guests. Member, Katie Wolf Whaley stated that this committee should work towards a policy recommendation for best practices in traditional employment as it pertains to leadership accountability. Guest, Aaron Poynter shared a brief overview of a program called Putting Kentuckians First, in which he oversees. There was further discussion amongst members and guests regarding this matter. Jeff called for discussion of what allies exist in the present. He mentioned Kentucky APSE and Kentucky SPIN as examples. He wondered about ARC and NAMI. There was further discussion amongst members and guests regarding these allies and what their roles could be in dissemination of resources.

### **Future areas of focus:**

Case Management Guests in attendance

### **Action Items: None**

### **Public Comment: None**

### **Adjournment:**

Chair, Jeff White called for a motion to adjourn. There was question whether guests could make the motion and guidance was provided that only council members could make motions and provide votes.

**Chair, Jeff made motion to adjourn the meeting and a second was provided by member, Lori Norton. A vote was taken, and all were in favor however the motion could not pass because the Chair can call for a motion but cannot be the one to make the motion therefore the meeting was informally closed.**

### **Next Meeting Date:**

TBD

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