

SMHP Council Employment Subcommittee
December 17, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Don Hughes; Michael Stepansky; Kim Anderson; Steve LaMaster; Val Comerford; JR Rivers; Allyson Blanchette; Justin Brown; Kathy Petkauskos; Amelia Dillon

1. Website:

- Need to update Subcommittee goals, add recent minutes, update meeting dates.
- Review MHPC website, inc. other subcommittees.
- Michael to connect with David re: “hit rate” on Planning Council webpages to inform level of detail. Send existing minutes to webmaster for posting.
 - Open Meeting Law: to post meeting notifications and agendas within 48hrs of the meeting. Minutes should be posted within 2 weeks of the meeting date.

2. Goals:

- FY25 WWL Training was very successful (66/71 responses received). Val/Michael will follow up with the DMH Learning and Development department re: FY26 and FY27 training needs.
- Subcommittee will survey or conduct focus groups with DMH employment service providers to assess training needs. To include CIES-ACCS and VRCs serving ACCS.
 - Michael will notify Massability.
 - Goal to issue survey by end of FY26.
 - Subcommittee will gather existing surveys on training needs (WWL, Massability, etc.) by 3.31.26.
 - Review existing training resources by 9.30.26.
 - Recommendations to DMH by 4.30.26.
 - Subcommittee may

3. ACCS Reprocurement:

- Providers were not unanimously supportive of the decision to remove employment support from the ACCS model.
- DMH and Provider Stakeholders will have an opportunity to weigh in on the provision of employment services in the coming ACCS reprocurement.

4. Data:

- Michael spoke with MassAbility re: the request for periodic data presentations. MassAbility (AQUA) confirmed this would not be a problem.

5. Next Steps:

- Don will revise goals for finalization for the next meeting.
- Michael will connect with David re: website

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