

**Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council Meeting**

**August 18, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

* **Welcome and Introductions,** *Dr. Carolyn Peters, Chair*
* **Approval of April 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes,** *OOD Council Members*
* **Written Public Comments,** *OOD Council Members*
	+ Public comments or correspondence should be submitted to Shirley.Marchi@ood.ohio.gov by close of business on Friday, August 13, 2021.
* **OOD Council VR Policy Subcommittee Report,** *Lisa Hickman & Alison McKay, Co-chairs*
	+ - Approval of July 14, 2021 Minutes, VR Policy Subcommittee Members
* **Survey of VR Providers,** OOD Council Members
* **OOD Status Update,** *OOD Director Kevin Miller*
* **Vocational Rehabilitation Program Update,** *Susan Pugh, Deputy Director, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation & Greg Dormer, Deputy Director, Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired*

*BVR Updates:*

* Return to the office
* Administrative Rules
	+ 3304-2-53, Qualifications and Standards for Service Providers and Vendors
	+ 3304-2-52, START Up
* VR Policies
	+ Informed Choice Policy (implemented, including the Vocational Rehabilitation Selection of a Provider Information Sheet)
	+ Policies recently out for public comment (comment period ended 7/28/21):
		- Vocational Rehabilitation Provider Management Policy
		- Post-Employment Services Policy
* Policies coming up for public comment next Quarter (comment period 10/14/21-10/23/21):
	+ VR Fee Schedules Policy
* Participant Feedback- Post-Secondary Education (report included in your materials)
* Upcoming Participant Focus Group Topics

*BSVI Updates*

* **Employer and Innovation Services Update,** *Kristen Ballinger, Deputy Director, Division of Employer and Innovation Services*
	+ Introduce new Employer Services Managers: Angelik Smith and Michelle Rinehart
	+ Virtual Hiring Events
	+ Employer Webinars
	+ Inclusive Employer Award
	+ Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)
* **Chair’s Comments,** *Dr. Carolyn Peters, Chair*
	+ OOD Council Chair Position
	+ OOD Council Vice-Chair Position
	+ Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2021
* **Council Members Discussion/Comments,** *Council Members*
* **Public Comment,** *Dr. Carolyn Peters,**Chair*
* **Adjourn,** *Council Members­­­­­*

**Next OOD Council Meeting:** November 17, 2021

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