

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Statewide Advisory Council Charter

Background:

In 2008 and 2009 Oregon received grants from the Administration on Aging (AOA) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop and pilot a prototype Aging and Disability Resource Center system for Oregon. A statewide Advisory Council was recruited and appointed in 2009 to guide the development of the ADRC; its composition is 50% consumers representing both aging and younger persons with disabilities.

The work of the Advisory Council has been guided by information gathered from potential consumers of the ADRC through the ADRC Formative Evaluation that was completed by the University of Oregon in December 2009.

In 2010 the Advisory Council directed the Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities office (now Aging and People with Disabilities) to initiate a strategic planning process utilizing the skills of an independent facilitator to develop a five-year plan to implement ADRC statewide.

The Strategic Planning Initiative (SPI), that initiated the development of the ADRCs, was comprised of consumers, agencies serving seniors and people with disabilities, advocates and other key stakeholders who understand the challenges of the long-term care system. The SPI met five times between June 2010 and March 2011.

In June of 2011 the five year plan for ADRC statewide expansion was completed. Since that time the ADRC Advisory Council has had little turnover, and the Council continues to provide guidance on the statewide development, expansion, evaluation and quality improvement in services of the ADRCs.

Purpose

The purpose of the ADRC Advisory Council is to provide oversight of the statewide ADRC network including input on the ADRC design, expansion and operation. The group is made up of a mix of consumers of long-term care services, public and private state and local agencies and organizations.

Vision

ADRCs are the recognized and valued contact point to identify service and support resources for Oregonians who are aging or experiencing a disability.

Mission

Provide guidance from diverse perspectives to support development of ADRCs as a well-known and accepted contact point for Oregonians who are aging or

experiencing a disability. ADRCs assist individuals to identify options and access resources which support dignity, choice, self-direction and independence.

Membership Agreement:

- Commit to attending all quarterly meetings.
- Be actively engaged in helping identify potential solutions to challenges.
- Respect each other's view of issues.

Decision Making

Collaborative – Whenever possible, the Council works together and jointly agrees on the best approach.

Meetings

Meetings are held on a quarterly basis.

- January and July meetings are conference calls that usually last two hours, and;
- April and October meetings are in-person meetings held in or near Salem and last three hours.

Membership

The ADRC Advisory Council is made up of a mix of public and private state and local agencies and organizations. The Council has a strong consumer representation, and 50% of the council members are current consumers of long term services and supports, with the balance of membership also including those who are in the initial stages of planning for or accessing long term services and supports. Membership also includes representatives from diverse urban and rural regions of Oregon.

The work of the Council is done by the ADRC Coordinator and the Community Services and Support Unit (CSSU) staff.