

State Rehabilitation Council Committees

Executive Committee

This committee is made up of a chair, vice chair, committee chairs and co-chairs and is tasked with sharing information among committees. As the SRC governance body, members meet with the VR Director monthly to provide input and recommendations to VR. This group also reviews final drafts of SRC projects before submitting to make sure the council body is represented. Chairs and co-chairs of committees are appointed by the SRC chair.

Evaluation and Recommendation Committee

This subcommittee meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Several VR administrative staff are there to support the review of VR related data. This committee is tasked with analyzing data from multiple sources to provide recommendations to the State VR program, partnering around the [State Plan](#) creation and monitoring of goals.

SRC/VR Policy and VR Budget Committee

The chair of this committee is Susie Calhoun. The committee meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to work on reviewing and updating policies. You can find updated policies on the [VR website](#), under resources.

The committee's feedback has led to changes and updates to the language VR uses in its transmittals, policies and rules, and how they are administered. This work keeps partners and the council informed about State VR budget and upcoming changes through contracts with vendors. VR staff provide updates to the SRC about the program budget and expenses related to services. This helps to make sure that money is being drawn down in a timely manner and that the state is watching for additional funding.

Legislative Committee

The chair of this subcommittee is Bridget Dazey. This committee diligently follows bills while bringing attention to legislative efforts that would have direct impact to people with disabilities. During legislative session, members of this committee

along with other council members make an effort to meet with legislators at the capitol to educate lawmakers about the work VR does and advocate for people with disabilities in employment. This committee also partners with other ODHS programs to hold the National Disability Employment Awareness Month events in October.

Outreach Committee

The chair of this committee is Susan Collins. The group meets monthly on the second Friday to work on how the SRC and VR can increase awareness about VR services and listen to the needs of clients. The Outreach Committee members coordinate VR client listening sessions in order to get feedback from VR clients on their experience.

The Outreach Committee members also collaborate with VR Workforce and Business staff to provide an opportunity for SRC members and VR staff to celebrate the wonderful partnerships happening across the state holding a Networking and Appreciation event the day before the quarterly meetings in May and August. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access awards are provided to community partners who do an outstanding job supporting VR's mission. SRC members and VR staff have an opportunity to tour business partners who hire VR clients. Tour goers meet with staff and are able to learn about the great work VR clients are doing in these locations.

Carceral Impact Committee

This new committee is chaired by Ann Chakwin and meets the second Monday of the month. This subcommittee has an emphasis on supporting people with disabilities who are at risk of entering the prison system or transitioning out of incarceration by making sure there are networks ready to support VR clients who are recovering from these experiences while hopefully preventing their return to incarceration. Also serving on the committee is the VR Counselor Specialist who specifically supports this population and supports VRCs across the state in serving this population. Members of this committee attended job fairs for people transitioning out of incarceration and maintain an "eco-map" of services where people can get their needs met.