

February 2019 Commission Report

DRS Commission, this will be a short report since one was given in January. Please see the bullet items below for the latest action in VR.

- Trish Osborn has been assigned the detail to duties as the Program Manager for the Norman, South OKC, and Stillwater Offices. Trish has been an outstanding employee throughout her DRS career and I appreciate her service.
- Terri Murphy and ESS staff are working with IPS (Individual Placement and Supports) in regards to an MOU pilot project that will focus on employment services for those with significant mental health and substance abuse disabilities.
- A meeting was held with DDS Division Administrator Brain Nickles to discuss transportation options for clients and SSI/SSDI applicants.
- Ray Turner sat in on a meeting with Langston University and the National Advisory Panel regarding research projects that Langston University is pursuing.
- Tracy Brigham and I worked with the ORC and Tina Calloway regarding policy development.
- After 30 plus years of Service our Queen of Supported Employment (Teri Egner) retired. She leaves big shoes to fill. She was a national leader in VR and will be truly missed.

As always, I'm proud of our staff efforts to provide employment services for Oklahoman's with Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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