

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Assistive Technology and Communication Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**State Library of Ohio**  
**274 E. First Avenue, #100 – Room D**  
**Columbus, OH 43201**  
**October 19, 2015**

**Committee Members:** Linda Kunick, Jill Radler, Ilka Riddle (phone), Robert Shuemak, Marci Straughter, Kim Stults (phone), Victor Wilson

**Other Council Members:** Mark Seifarth (phone)

**Staff:** Carla Cox, Kim Crishbaum, Carolyn Knight

**Guests:** Sharon Shuemak, Tim Tobin

### **Introduction**

Chair Robert Shuemak called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made. Robert stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the draft plan language for Assistive Technology and Public Awareness.

### **State Plan Language Discussion**

Committee members first discussed the Public Awareness draft language, titled as “Communication to Increase Public Awareness for People with Developmental Disabilities.” Kim Crishbaum shared that per Gary Groom, federal law prohibits Council from promoting itself (self-recognition, such as brochures, business cards, etc.). Instead, we are permitted to only promote the projects we are funding and activities/products that directly impact people with disabilities. Sue Willis was not able to attend the meeting but had shared her comments on the draft with Robert Shuemak. Her comments as well as all comments made by those in attendance were discussed and considered. It was decided that Carla Cox and Kim Crishbaum would implement the changes agreed among the group and bring a revised draft to the December meeting (the draft will be emailed prior to the meeting day).

Committee members then discussed the Assistive Technology draft plan language. The group provided suggestions for changes and additions. Kim Crishbaum will

implement the changes agreed among the group and bring a revised draft to the December meeting (the draft will be emailed prior to the meeting day).

Tim Tobin, consultant from grantee OSILC, provided an update on the meetings he has been having with assistive technology organizations and professionals. The group discussed how some of the smaller projects may be viable to do in 2016 and we will discuss this further at future meetings.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNED: 3:00 p.m.