



**Assistive Technology and  
Communication Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Doubletree Hotel, Newark, Ohio  
December 9, 2016**

**Committee Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>In attendance</b>
Marci Straughter, Chair	X
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	X
Gregory Dormer	
Douglas Frank	
Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X
Linda Kunick	X
Heather McFarlin	X
Blaine O'Leary	X
Paula Rabidoux	X
Jill Radler	
Ilka Riddle	
Kimberly Stults	X
Mindy Vance	X
Sue Willis	
Carla Cox (staff)	X
Kim Crishbaum (staff)	X

**Others in Attendance:**

**Other Council Members:** Mark Seifarth, Council Chair, Dara Walburn

**Staff:** Carolyn Knight, Fatica Ayers, Gilbrina Dillon, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis

**Guests:** Yolanda Adkins (PCA), Christine Brown, Kristen Helling (OOD), Margaret Hutzel, Betsy O'Leary (PCA), Essie Pederson (PCA), Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio), Robert Shuemak (special advisor), Robinet Smith (PCA) Brenda Stevens (PCA), Tim Tobin (contract assistant with OSILC)

## **Introduction**

Chairperson Straughter called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. and introductions were made. The September 16, 2016 minutes were presented for approval. Kim Stults **motioned** to accept the minutes. Paula Rabidoux seconded the **motion** passed.

## **Paul Jarvis – Public Policy research topics discussion**

Paul, on behalf of the Public Policy Committee, asked members of the Committee for research topic ideas. Members provided several ideas, including:

- Requirements for Internet connectivity to increase the standards for providing this service as a utility service rather than a “convenience” service
- Status of website accessibility compliance (Section 508 of the Rehab Act)
- Expanding cell phone access, as well as to other technologies, to improve the lives of people with different types of disabilities
- Rehabilitation engineers – how they fit into the assistive technology assessment and developmental system
- Policy-related podcasts
- Issue around Medicaid reimbursement as a barrier
- Telehealth and its impact on assistive technology

## **Kim Crishbaum – Status of NOFA, update on AT Task Force activities, and proposed State Plan language**

Applications for the “Assessing Assistive Technology Service Delivery in the Ohio County Board of Developmental Disabilities System” are still being accepted. The deadline date is Friday, January 6, 2017. There are currently two applications in process.

The AT Task Force met on October 19, 2016 and November 30, 2016. The AT Task Force continue to brainstorm for specific ideas for the Committee to consider for grant projects.

Plan Language for a new grant, called “Identification of Assistive Technology Lending Programs in Ohio” was presented to the Committee for a vote. The ideas for this grant has been discussed before among members and is supported by the AT Task Force. Linda Kunick **motioned** for the Plan Language to be accepted. Rochelle Hall-Rollins seconded the **motion**, passed.

## **New Business**

There was a brief discussion about the new grantee provisionally accepted for the “Public Awareness” grant. The grant application review panel provided conditions and recommendations that are currently being addressed.

Kim Stults asked if the Committee (or another Committee) could examine Council’s policies and procedures, and other products (such as meeting agendas, grant application reviews) to find ways to make them easier to understand (plain language, use pictures with words, etc.). It was also suggested to make a one-page help sheet about Robert’s Rules of Order for the chairpersons to use to help them conduct their meetings. Rochelle Hall-Rollins said she would forward information from Amazon about Robert’s Rules tip sheets that are for sale. Essie Pederson said she has information that she can share with all committees to help set-up agendas.

Kim Stults also suggested that we start providing visual or other cues to speakers when they are running over their time limit to speak.

### **Adjournment**

A **motion** was made by Rochelle Hall-Rollins to adjourn. Heather McFarlin seconded the **motion**. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.