



Assistive Technology and Communication
Committee
Meeting Minutes
Doubletree Hotel, Newark, Ohio
May 6, 2016

Committee Members:

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

Others in Attendance:

Other Council Members: Dara Walburn

Staff: Fatica Ayers, Carolyn Knight, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis

Guests: Kellie Brown (Guernsey County Board of DD), Bill Darling (AT Ohio), Jacob Foskhul (DODD), Julie Hans (OOD), Donna Lowe (PCA), Sonja Marchant (PCA), Alison McKay (DRO), Betsy O'Leary (PCA), Essie Pederson (PCA), Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio), Robert Shuemak (special advisor), Brenda Stevens (PCA), Tim Tobin (contract assistant with OSILC), Renee Wood (special advisor)

Introduction

Vice Chair Kim Stults called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and introductions were made. The March 2016 minutes were presented for approval. Sue Willis motioned to accept the minutes. Mindy Vance seconded the motion. Ilka Riddle abstained. Motion passed.

Alison McKay – Disability Rights Ohio

Alison provided an overview of Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) and the work they do in the area of assistive technology through their federal Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) funding. She said that the most frequent requests for help they get are for denials of payment for assistive technology, in particular ramps. The issue is often finding a suitable contractor. Renee Wood mentioned that the Independent Living Centers may provide grants for ramps. Alison provided other examples of cases and outreach efforts, too.

Bill Darling – Assistive Technology of Ohio

Bill provided an overview of Assistive Technology of Ohio (AT Ohio) and the work they do in the area of assistive technology. Projects and initiatives that AT Ohio is involved with include providing a statewide library of lending devices, refurbished computers, and working on many outreach projects to form a better connection and partnerships among assistive technology services/providers and the public. Bill brought a wide variety of assistive technology devices and demonstrated how to use each.

State Plan

Kim Crishbaum read the proposed change to the 2016 State Plan. This was previously discussed at the March 2016 Committee meeting. The change will allow the current AT Conference grantee to convene an Assistive Technology Task Force. Victor Wilson motioned to accept the amended plan language. Sue Willis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim Crishbaum shared the public comments received on the proposed 2017-2021 State Plan on the Assistive Technology and Communication to Increase Public Awareness for People with Developmental Disabilities sections. No changes were made so the plan stays approved as it was passed at the March 2016 meeting.

Grant Review Panel

Carla Cox asked for volunteers for the Grant Review Panel for the Public Awareness grant. Mindy Vance and Jill Radler volunteered.

Funding from Public Policy

Carolyn Knight announced that the Public Policy Committee voted to give \$50,000 to the Assistive Technology & Communication to support funding of a research-based grant.

A motion was made by Victor Wilson to adjourn. Heather McFarlin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.