



Assistive Technology and Communication  
Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Doubletree Hotel - Worthington  
September 11, 2015

Committee Members:

Name	In attendance
Robert Shuemak, Chair	X
Kimberly Stults, Vice Chair	X
Gregory Dormer	X
Douglas Frank	
Lisa Krauss	X
Linda Kunick	X
Heather McFarlin	X
Paula Rabidoux	X
Jill Radler	X
Ilka Riddle	
Michael Schroeder	X
Marci Straughter	X
Sue Willis	X
Victor Wilson	X (phone)
Carla Cox (staff)	X
Kim Crishbaum (staff)	X

Others in Attendance:

**Other Council Members:** Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Mark Seifarth

**Staff:** Fatica Ayers, Carolyn Knight, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp

**Guests:** Robert Bennett, Melody Brauninger, Nick Gatz, Donna Lowe, Jeb McFarlin, Janet McGee, Sharon Shuemak, Brenda Stevens, Tim Tobin

## **Introduction**

Chair Robert Shuemak called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and introductions were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 2015 Committee meeting minutes. Motion passed.

## **Presentation from Tim Tobin, Consultant from OSILC**

The Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (OSILC) is the grantee that coordinated the Tech II assistive technology conference. Tobin, a consultant from OSILC, provided a summary of the event, including going over the results of the surveys completed by attendees after the conference. He also provided an update on the status of the grantee's follow-up activity which is to interview several of the organizations who were a part of the Tech II conference (presenters and vendors). The purpose of this activity is for the grantee to gather information to assist the Committee in assessing what types of grant opportunities to offer that will improve the assistive technology process and availability in Ohio. He has spoken with about five organizations and plans to meet with several others. So far, he is finding that there are unique strengths and weaknesses among each organization. He will provide a final report summarizing the interviews by December.

## **State Plan Language**

Crishbaum provided copies of proposed plan language for the new State Plan to create a virtual assistive technology resource center. The Committee decided to table talking about the current State Plan language. Instead, it was suggested that the Council hold an additional meeting to focus on plan language before Council's next meeting (December). This decision was based on the information provided by Tobin and discussion among the Committee about other ideas to pursue in the area of assistive technology. We will also go over the Plan Language for the Public Awareness/Communication portion at the planning meeting. Carla and Kim will follow-up via email to see when people are available to meet in October.

## **Communication Update**

Cox announced the new publications that were developed by Council's Public Awareness grantee during the past few months: Advocacy United brochure, Alphabet Soup – A Guide to Disability Related Acronyms booklet, and Perceived Value of Visitability in Ohio booklet.

Crishbaum provided information about a new committee she is serving on through the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD). It is a Strategic Communications Committee that will create products to help all DD Councils to communicate to their members and communities more efficiently about disability awareness.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

ADJOURNED: 12:10 p.m.