

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)  
 Business Meeting  
 Friday, December 9, 2016  
 Cherry Valley Lodge  
 2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark, OH 43055**



**Attendance:** Mark Seifarth (Chair), Kimberly Stults (Vice-Chair), Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, (Secretary) Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Neil Castilow, Diane Cox, AnnMarie Denning, Kristen Helling, Heather McFarlin, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Emilia\_Jackson, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Mark Smith, Joanna Spargo, Jeffrey Turner, Mindy Vance, Dara Walburn, Victor Wilson, Robert Shuemak (Special Advisor) and Renee Wood (Special Advisor)

**Guests:** Christine Brown, OSU/Nisonger Center, Dr. Patricia Hicks, Rachel Tumin, Ph.D., Colin Odden, Julia Brown, Yolanda Adkins, Dawn Brunkalla, Donna Lowe, Essie Pederson, Betsy O’Leary, Robinet Smith, Brenda Stevens, Betsy O’Leary, Deb Tackett, Elly Walburn

**Staff:** Fatica Ayers, Kim Crishbaum, Carla Cox, Gilbrina Dillon, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis, Kenneth Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp, Kay Treanor

The meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. by Chairman Mark Seifarth.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<b><u>Introductions:</u></b>	Chairman Seifarth ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<b><u>Minutes:</u></b>	Chairman Seifarth asked for motion to approve the September 16, 2016, minutes. Dara Walburn <b>moved</b> to approve the minutes, Jeff Turner seconded, <b>motion</b> passed. The minutes were approved as written with no objections.	
<b><u>Chairman’s Message:</u></b>	Chairman Seifarth spoke briefly about the two-day grant reviews held in November and thanked staff for the extra hours they worked and everyone as a whole who worked so hard.	

Chairman Seifarth took time to recognize those members who were going off Council, Diana Cox and Neil Castilow; having finished their 6-year commitment to Council. He asked that everyone give them a round of applause and let them know how much they were appreciated for the work they contributed to Council. Diane Cox was Chair of Public Policy and Neil Castilow was Chair of Children & Health. He also recognized Kim Stults and Marci Straughter who are ending their positions as Vice Chair and Secretary for the year. Chairman Seifarth then added that we are awaiting Council appointments. The Governor's Office has informed us they will not be worked until January 2017. Kim Stults recognized Chairman Seifarth and stated that in the event that Chairman Seifarth is not reappointed as Chair for next year, she wanted to thank him for his hard work and expertise he brought to Council. Everyone applauded.

Chairman Seifarth mentioned that the AT/Communication Committee briefly discussed providing a one-page visual to help Council members run meetings. This new idea as well as others, are being worked on to make Council meetings more user friendly. He asked members to let Kim Crishbaum know about any of their ideas. Chairman Seifarth then informed Council that he and Carolyn were combining their messages and asked Carolyn for comments.

Carolyn Knight provided an update of the outcome of Council's Five-Year State Plan and staff accomplishment. Because of many new requirements for the 5-year plan, she noted that only 22 Councils were given approval for their plan and most states

	<p>required an extension of time to submit it. Ohio’s plan was submitted on time and approved. She gave to staff accolades for this important accomplishments. She stated that staff is so knowledgeable and hardworking, they have almost all been requested to serve on national committees to help other Councils with their work.</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth reminded Council that there are many changes that will be taking place, a new president and Governor Kasich speaking of Ohio’s budget being a bit tight. He stated that now is the time for members to be talking about issues and know that challenges will arise. He said that Legislative Advocacy Day will be March 8, 2017. This event will be held at the Statehouse as well as webcasted. He encouraged those who could to actually be physically present that day to please do so as we want to fill up the Atrium. Chairman Seifarth stressed that times are changing, but we must support those issues that will affect us and move them forward.</p> <p>Carolyn Knight introduced new Council staff Gilbrina Dillon: who is Council’s new Program Administrator. She will be the new voice on council’s phone and the primary point of contact for Council callers.</p>	
<p><b><u>Transportation Study Results – Dr. Rachel Tumin, Colin Odden, and Julia Brown</u></b></p>	<p>A Transportation Study presentation was made by Dr. Rachel Tumin, Colin Odden and Julia Brown of Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center. Dr. Rachel Tumin provided a synopsis of the transportation study results; Julia Brown provided transportation provider information, and Colin Odden wrapped up with open-ended responses. He stated that the final report will contain all the survey</p>	

	<p>topics that were not covered that day. In summary, Mr. Odden added that transportation access issues from the standpoint of the transporter are expensive with pre-scheduling required – no flexibility and not enough consumers on a daily basis. Other challenges include the fact that the transporter cannot take the consumer to areas outside of their service coverage, and it is difficult to keep employees because the work is not full-time. Many people also do not realize that Medicaid doesn't cover all forms of transportation. The final report will be forthcoming at the end of January 2017.</p>	<p>Colin Odden offered to provide a PDF copy of the presentation and referred to Paul Jarvis, as point of contact for those interested in a copy.</p>
<p><b><u>Preview of Council's Outreach Committee's Outcome Report – Dr. Patricia Hicks</u></b></p>	<p>Dr. Patricia Hicks provided a brief presentation to review Council's Outreach Committee's Project Outcomes. A report will be developed to focus: on 10 previous grants, the resources (grantee level and council level), time (efficiency) – when and how long it took, looking at the actual results (immediate, intermediate and long-term outcomes) who has benefitted from this effort in the last 13 years, the un/underserved, Council and key Stakeholders (community leaders and other states). Dr. Hicks informed Council members about an online survey that she encouraged Council members to complete. The data that is being gathered will compare Ohio's Council to other states' Councils. This will let us know where we can improve and where we stand among other Councils throughout the country.</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth mentioned that he noticed that many of the committees were well attended and very good participation was displayed.</p>	

Committee Reports:

Chairman Seifarth then asked each Committee Chair to provide a two-minute update of their meeting and any action items:

**Leadership Committee**

- Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported: He stated Leadership Development had one action item and a very good presentation from Andy Marko and Casey Greis of Voices and Visionaries. Dana Charlton of Ohio Self Determination Association also presented. He asked Leslie Paull to discuss the State Plan Amendment for Leadership.
- Leslie briefly explained the State Plan Amendment for The Art of Being Social (Visionaries & Voices) for the amount of **\$13,075.00**. The grant would fund a Social Skills Summer Camp for 130 area school children for six weeks. V&V will provide instruction for this camp. A **motion** was made to approve the State Plan Amendment. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed. Linda Kunick abstained.
- The next action item was to approve travel expenses of \$2,000 for Linda Kunick and Renee Wood to attend an Advocacy United/SWI Program in Arizona in January 2017. A **motion** was made to approve travel expenses. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second, **motion** passed. Linda Kunick abstained.

**Outreach Committee**

- Paula Rabidoux, Committee Chair

reported. She stated that Outreach had no action items.

#### **Children & Health Committee**

- Neil Castilow, Committee Chair reported. He stated that Children & Health had no action items.

#### **Employment Committee**

- Jeff Turner reported for Employment Committee since both the Chair and Vice Chair were not present. He stated that Employment had no action items; however, there were two excellent presentations from Kristen Helling from OOD and Tom Hess from DODD.

#### **Community Living Committee**

- Heather McFarlin, Committee Chair reported. She stated that Community Living had one action item and asked Fatica Ayers to discuss the item.
- State Plan Amendment for Sustaining & Accessible and Affordable Transportation for People w/DD Anytime –Ohioans for Transportation Equity Coalition. Fatica provided a brief history of The Ohioans for Transportation Equity Coalition creation. The plan amendment was for **\$25,000** to support the work of the Transportation Equity Coalition as a regional group which is evolving into a statewide group. A **motion** was made to approve the plan amendment. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. Heather also reported that Bobbi Montenegro, Ohio SIBS provided a brief wrap up of the Ohio SIBS project including a fundraising plan aimed at sustainability.

### **Executive Committee**

- Chairman Seifarth reported and stated that the Executive Committee had no action items; however, they did review a discretionary fund request that they did not to approve. He added that the committee has decided to revise current practices for Discretionary Fund Requests. Revisions will be discussed at the March 2017 meeting.

### **Public Policy Committee**

- Diane Cox, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had several action items.
- State plan language for Direct Support Workforce Improvement Plan. Jeff Davis from OPRA provided a funding request for a **\$35,000** project to provide a coordinated marketing plan. The plan will include customizable marketing materials that can be used in different media markets to attract and recruit individuals into the DD direct support workforce. A **motion** was made to approve the Direct Support Workforce Improvement Plan for **\$35,000**. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. Joanna Spargo abstained.
- State plan language for General Assembly Briefing Sessions (GABS). Since the DD Lead Grant did not receive any bids this time, Paul Jarvis and Carolyn Knight suggested that the focus be shifted toward training Ohio legislators. This training would provide them with a better understanding of current issues in the developmental

disabilities arena. The grant includes four to six trainings for the legislators and their staff throughout the coming year. The grant amount to be awarded is **\$40,000** which will be given to Colby and Company as a non-competitive allocation. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed.

- Disability Policy Seminar - March 2017 in Washington D.C. The Council Chair, Public Policy Chair and staff person are all approved to attend. Others who wish to attend must complete an application. The applications of the following were approved: Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Heather McFarlin and Victor Wilson. Paul clarified that because Joanna Spargo is the Vice Chair of Public Policy she will go because the Chair's term has ended. Chairman Seifarth asked for a **motion** to approve. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. Mark Seifarth, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Joanna Spargo, Heather McFarlin and Victor Wilson all abstained.
- A nomination for Diane Cox to become a Special Advisor for Public Policy for 2017 was made. Chairman Seifarth asked for a **motion** to approve. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. Diane Cox abstained.

#### **AT/Communication Committee**

- Marci Straughter, Committee Chair reported. The AT/Communication Committee had one action item as well as a discussion regarding helping people with technology such as

Diane Cox to begin serving as a Special Advisor in 2017 for Public Policy.

	<p>Facetime, and Skype.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Item: State Plan Language presented for “Identification of AT Lending Programs in Ohio.” The grantee will identify all of the AT lending libraries in Ohio and create a directory for the developmental disabilities community. The total grant award is <b>\$25,000</b>. There may be multiple awards not to exceed \$25,000 based upon the applications and the amounts requested. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the <b>motion</b> requires no second. A vote was taken, <b>motion</b> passed.</li> </ul> <p>Consumer Satisfaction Survey: Paula Rabidoux spoke briefly about the survey process and indicated that this was the best survey to date. She informed Council that the current survey method will change and the surveys will be completed by individuals. Paula stated that Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) is the agency that makes up the survey questions and requires that those questions be asked. She also talked about a potential survey manual which will provide help to incoming grantees. Fatica added that Paula will also assist with the Grantee Orientation to be held tentatively on February 15, 2017. The orientation will either be in person or web-based.</p>	
<p><b><u>Announcements:</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rochelle Rollins nominated Neil Castilow to be appointed Special Advisor for the Children &amp; Health Committee beginning in 2017. A vote was taken, <b>motion</b> passed, Neil Castilow abstained.</li> <li>• Christine Brown announced that she</li> </ul>	<p>Neil Castilow to begin serving as a Special Advisor in 2017 for Children and Health.</p>

	<p>and Marci Straughter will be hosting their Regional Legislative Day in April 2017 along with Jed Morison, the Superintendent of Franklin County and the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council. It will be recorded and posted to YouTube.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marci Straughter announced that the Project STIR Training at the Holiday Inn in Worthington was a great success.</li> <li>• Carla Cox reminded the Council Members and staff of the Ethics training course that all members and staff must completed by December 31, 2016. She stated she would send out another email with the link.</li> </ul>	<p>Carla to send out email with Ethics Training info to Council members.</p>
<p><b><u>Executive Director Report:</u></b></p>	<p>Carolyn spoke briefly about Council’s past retreats and discussed the possibility of having one in December of the upcoming year of 2017. It would occur in December under our regular schedule. She mentioned some ideas about speakers and places, including state parks. She asked that Council bring some thoughts back to March 2017 meeting regarding speakers, locations and topics they want to hear about during the 2-day retreat. Council members were very interested in the idea, but no vote was taken.</p>	<p>Staff to look for possible locations for the retreat.</p>

Chairman Seifarth requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Stults **moved** to adjourn, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Next meeting is March 3, 2017, at Crowne Plaza North (Worthington)  
6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229

Meeting minutes prepared by: Carla Cox and Gilbrina Dillon

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Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

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Marcella Straughter, Secretary