

Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, March 4, 2016
 Doubletree Hotel Newark
 50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, OH



Attendance: Mark Seifarth (Chair), Kim Stults (Vice-Chair), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Jye Breckenridge, Jane Byrnes, Neil Castilow, Diane Cox, AnnMarie Denning, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Heather McFarland, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Roxanne Richardson, Mark Smith, Jeffrey Turner, Mindy Vance, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Susan Willis, Victor Wilson, Robert Shuemak (Special Advisor) and Renee Wood (Special Advisor)

Guests: Dawn Brunkalla, Essie Pederson, Brenda Stevens, Jeff Coaty, Cheryl Strohm, Elly Walburn, Sandi Williamson, Donna Lowe, Chris Windham, Kay Grier, OSIL

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:36p by Chairman Mark Seifarth.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<u>Introductions:</u>	Chairman Seifarth ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<u>Minutes:</u>	Chairman asked for motion to approve the December 11, 2015 minutes. Jeffrey Turner moved to approve the minutes, Mark Smith seconded, motion passed. The minutes were approved as written with no objections.	
<u>Chairman Seifarth’s Message:</u>	<p>Annual Financial Disclosure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Seifarth reminded Council members to begin to complete their financial disclosures statements. They are due by May 16, 2016, this year. <p>Committee Choices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Seifarth reminded current members and newly appointed members, in order that they can vote at various committees, to please take time to make their choices as to what committee they would like to serve and inform the Committee Chair or Council staff. <p>Senate Bill 130</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Seifarth indicated that this is the bill that will designate October as the Disability History and Awareness Month. It allows the schools to educate their students about people with disabilities. It passed the Ohio Senate Committee and the Ohio Senate unanimously, it now has to pass the House. Chairman Seifarth 	

	<p>stated that if it passes the House he would like for Council members to consider their availability to go to schools in their counties to be a resource for public awareness. He added that he also spoke with Kim Crishbaum about maintaining resources on our website as well.</p> <p>Council Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Seifarth reminded Council members to think about what they would like to share to be posted on our website, e.g. a paragraph, couple of sentences, etc. He stated that we have a new website and we should take advantage of this opportunity. He also noted that whatever is shared will be a public record. <p>Chairman Seifarth then turned the meeting over to Carolyn Knight for her Executive Director's Report.</p>	
<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p>	<p>Carolyn Knight indicated she would report during the committee reports.</p> <p>Marci Straughter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn shared with Council members that Marci was ill and a card was going around for members to sign. Staff would mail it to her. <p>Chuck Beatty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn mentioned that Chuck Beatty, a former Council member and Mr. Medicaid Buy-In, has also been ill. She stated that she had an opportunity to talk to him and he was so happy to receive cards. Carolyn mentioned that I know Carla sent out his address earlier and asked Council members if they would continue to send him cards so he can receive one once a week if possible. Carolyn added that Chuck Beatty had been working with Neil Castilow regarding Medicaid Buy-In and Neil will step in to assist in this area. <p>Bob Morgan, Superintendent, Delaware County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long time superintendent of Delaware County passed away. He was also a previous Council member. Roxanne Richardson also added a few comments about Mr. Morgan. <p>Chairman Seifarth informed Council members that the Legislative Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Statehouse Atrium. He stated that although registration was closed in five (5) days, it is a public place and if any member would like to attend they may. However, they will not be able to meet with legislators.</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth then moved on to the Committee Reports. He reminded committee chairs that even if they</p>	<p>Chairman Seifarth asked Carla Cox if should would send out Mr. Beatty's address again to Council members after the meeting.</p>

	<p>did not have an action item to please take two minutes to share what went on in their committees.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p>	<p>Leadership Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported: He stated he had two action items. • A motion was made for Full Council to send a letter to the Southwest Regional Transit Authority in support of Robert Shuemak to be named as a board member. During discussion, Robert asked that Council hold off on sending this letter until he has had the opportunity to meet with the county commissioner and applies for the board position. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken and motion passed. • A motion was made for Full Council to send a letter in support of Jeff Turner as a new member of the Crawford County Board of DD. During discussion Carolyn Knight stated that if Jeff is appointed, this would be the third board in Ohio that has a person with a disability serving on their board. The other two are Coshocton and Hamilton counties. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken and motion passed. Jeff Turner abstained. <p>Outreach Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Rabidoux, Committee Chair reported. She stated Outreach did not have any action items. However, the committee had a wonderful presentation from Cassandra Archie, current Outreach grantee, regarding cultural competencies and diversity. During discussion, Kim Stults added that the questions regarding Outreach are very broad and the questions need to be more self-explanatory that will identify that Outreach is not just because a person has a disability, but specific populations that are un/underserved. Carolyn Knight mentioned that Cassandra was interested in developing Easy-Reads for people with disabilities specific to the <i>Bill of Rights</i>. Carolyn stated that she informed Cassandra that we already had something available and we will provide her with it. • Paula also asked Council to read the latest E-Diversity Newsletter with the profiles of Council staff. <p>Children and Health Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Castilow, Committee Chair reported. He stated Children and Health did not have any action items. They did have a presentation by Children’s Hospital of Cincinnati, who 	<p>Robert Shuemak is to inform Leadership Committee when he has met with the commissioners and applied for the position so the letter can be developed.</p> <p>Cassandra Archie asked that Council and staff consider revisiting how Outreach is addressed when approaching the new five year state plan and other applications. Outreach Committee will be looking at the process and setting up a taskforce. Paula asked if anyone was interested to please let the Outreach Committee know.</p> <p>Carolyn stated that Council staff will provide copies of the Bill of Rights Easy Read for the next Council meeting.</p>

demonstrated a new internet service that is in the process of being tested called GPS which stands for: Guiding People to Services. This was formulated through a grant from ODH. This format is somewhat similar to the county board assessment 'About Me, For Me' process, but leans more heavily on the health aspects of the individual. Neil reiterated that GPS was in its testing phase, but felt it would be beneficial once it is up and running.

Employment Committee

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had one action item.
- The Employment Committee made a **motion** to Full Council to continue with Tom Hess as their Special Advisor. Mr. Hess works for the Department and is heavily involved with Employment First. He can answer questions and provide current information regarding that project to the committee. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.
- Sue informed Council that there was much conversation regarding voting. She stated they want to make sure everyone is registered to vote. She said that if members have questions about the voting process, how to get registered, the Secretary of State's Office and your County Board of Elections, the Employment Committee would like to hear from you. Chairman Seifarth added that it is too late to register for the March 15 primary coming up, but there is plenty of time to register for the November election. Sue was reminded that the voting discussion was held in the Leadership Committee; however, they did have a very good presentation from OOD and the Employment First project.

Community Living Committee

- Kim Stults, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had two action items.
- A **motion** was made to amend the 2016 State Plan to include \$10,000 to begin the process of making the credentialing of the DSP an online format. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.
- The grantee for the Maximizing Resources including Tech for Housing Supports for Adults w/Disabilities became ill last year and was unable to complete his project. He is requesting that the committee decrease his allocation by last year's amount of \$17,500 and increase it by that same

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amount this year, 2016 so he can complete the project. A **motion** was made by the committee to decrease the Maximizing Grant by \$17,500 from last year's amount and increase it by \$17,500 for 2016 in order for grantee to complete their project. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.

- Bethany Toledo, from the Ohio Association of Direct Support Professionals presented. She has been the full-time director for six months. The number of relationships and projects she has initiated in that short period of time is amazing. Kim stated that they are really doing a good job and supporting good people.

Executive Committee

- There was no information to report; however, Chairman Seifarth did inform the new members that the Executive Committee consists of all the Chairs of the Standing Committees, and the Vice Chair and Secretary. The committee receives Discretionary Grant requests that they can approve up to \$5,000. Any request over that amount would have to be approved by Full Council.

Public Policy Committee

- Diane Cox, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had no action items.
- Diane spoke about the upcoming Legislative Advocacy Day on March 8th. All are welcome to come and there has been discussion of having some type of live streaming in the future. They are aware that all cannot make it to the event, but will yet be able to enjoy the event because they have excellent speakers. The registrations were filled in record time this year, within 4 days and we are anticipating over 400 people in attendance. In addition, they were able to reach some of the areas they were unable to have participate before.
- Diane informed Council that HB483 was introduced and a press conference would take place that afternoon. This Bill deals with increasing the health care worker's responsibilities.

Assistive Technology/Communication

- Kim Stults, Vice Chair reported. She stated they had one action item.
- A **motion** was made for the current grantee, OSILC, to use the remainder of their funds from the Tech II Conference to develop a task force to identify and assess the current AT needs within

Council staff will work on drafting plan language to support this and will present it at the next Council meeting.

	<p>the state. Chairman Seifarth, stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second, the vote was taken, motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim also welcomed Council members to join the AT/Communication Committee. <p>Nominating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Seifarth stated there was no information to report; however, he wanted to mention that he is in the process of speaking with members about designating them in the Chair/Vice Chair positions of various committees. He hopes to have all assignments in place by the July meeting. <p>Chairman Seifarth then turned the meeting over to the Collaborative Experience presentation.</p>	
<p><u>Collaborative Experiences:</u></p>	<p>Kay Grier, OSILC, Renee Wood, Chair of Olmstead Task Force and Neil Castilow presented on their collaborative efforts amongst the disability community.</p> <p>Kay Grier brought materials regarding the OSILC, the SIL centers and information regarding voting. She also shared her collaborative efforts with the Board of Delaware County Community Living/Creative Housing, and a conversation she had while at a conference with other SIL directors regarding their collaboration with DD Council. She shared that DD Councils assisted them with funding of two AT Conferences. The director has since contacted Ms. Grier inquiring of assistance of what they could do to accomplish something similar.</p> <p>Carolyn asked Renee Wood to discuss how being the Chair of Council opened up connections with Directors Martin and McCarthy, as well as her current position of Chair of Olmstead.</p> <p>Neil Castilow spoke about his personal issues with his son who has a developmental disability and the things they experienced. Because of what he shared, it initiated a discussion where others shared their experiences, Linda Kunick, Dara Walburn and Heather McFarlin. They discussed how self-determination and how the assistance of loved ones have helped them to become the people they are today. They were all proud of being able to speak up for themselves.</p>	
<p><u>ODDC Website: Kim Crishbaum</u></p>	<p>Kim Crishbaum provided a presentation of the ODDC website. She navigated through the site and showed members where different items were located. She also stated that she hoped Council take the opportunity to maneuver through the website so she could answer any questions and/or make changes if needed.</p>	<p>Kim has requested Council members to let her know what they would like to see on the website.</p>

<p><u>2017-2021 State Plan Update:</u> Fatica Ayers</p>	<p>Fatica Ayers provided a brief summary of the next steps for the State Plan and explained to Council the specifics of the public input.</p> <p>She stated that Leslie Paull provided an 'Easy Read' of the State Plan and also made available paper copies that folks can share with individuals to ask them for input. She stated that the Public Input Phase will end on March 16.</p> <p>All the information gathered from the public input will be shared at the May meeting with the committees. Once the committees review and make changes, all changes will be incorporated into the final State Plan by Carla Cox and voted on by Full Council in July.</p> <p>She also informed members of a few other timelines: July – NOFA's will be going out for bid August – Two Bidders Conferences will be held October – All Grant Applications will be due November – Grant Reviews will be held</p> <p>Fatica added that Paul Jarvis had a room reserved for she, and Kim Stults to collect public input from individuals while at the Legislative Advocacy Day on March 8. She stated that Kim would be able to input the information on her tablet as individuals provide their input. Carla Cox will also be there as a backup.</p>	
<p><u>Announcements</u></p>	<p>Joe Dowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Plascenia informed Council that Mr. Dowell passed away. Carla Cox added that Mr. Dowell was a previous applicant and attended the first meeting with James as his PCA. <p>Chairman Seifarth asked that the two new members, Dara Walburn and Blaine O'Leary and our new representative, Jye Breckenridge from ODH to take a minute to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Carla informed members to please turn their name tents in at the end of the day. She stated that this may be the last time we will use them because we may be able to purchase erasable ink tents that Carolyn saw at another meeting.</p>	

Chairman Seifarth requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon White **moved** to adjourn, Victor Wilson seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:28p.m.

Next meeting is May 6, 2016, at Doubletree Hotel Newark, Newark, OH 43055.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Carla Cox

Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

Kimberly Stults, Vice Chair