

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)  
 Business Meeting  
 Friday, March 9, 2018  
 Sheraton Columbus Hotel - Downtown  
 75 E. State St., Columbus, OH 43215**



**Attendance:** Joanna Spargo (Chair), Vacant (Vice-Chair), James Plasencia (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Kellie Brown, Bobbie Burke, Diane Cox, Douglas Frank, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Emilia Jackson, Jean Jakovlic, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Shannon Komisarek, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Paula Rabidoux, Michael Richards, Ilka Riddle, Mike Schroeder, Mark Seifarth, Mark Smith, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Mindy Vance, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Sue Willis, Victor Wilson and Renee Wood

**GoToMeeting:** Matt Harrison, Michael Denlinger and Brenda Brandon

**Guests:** Blake Andres, Summer Boyer, Christine Brown, Paula Eskridge, Atondira Ghee, Beth Graham, Donna Lowe, Jeremy Morris, Essie Pederson, Devika Rao, Jerelle Rollins, Wiley Roberts, Debra Tackett, Anastasia Taylor, and Heng Wang

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:51 p.m. by Chairman Joanna Spargo.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<b><u>Introductions:</u></b>	Joanna Spargo ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<b><u>Minutes:</u></b>	Chairman Spargo asked for a motion to approve the December 9, 2017, minutes. James Plasencia <b>moved</b> to approve the minutes, Marcella Straughter seconded, <b>motion</b> passed. The minutes were approved as written with no changes.	
<b><u>Chairman’s Message:</u></b>	N/A	

<p><b><u>Presentation:</u></b></p>	<p>The DDC Clinic is a Research Clinic for special needs children serving patients with complex medical needs, particularly rare genetic disorders. The clinic, located in the heart of the Ohio Amish country has been a longtime Council Outreach grantee and currently in its second year of Council’s five-year planning cycle.</p> <p>Dr. Heng Wang, Medical Director for the Clinic, and Blake Andres, the Executive Director, gave an update to the Council on the clinic’s activities. Their success has been nothing short of astonishing. In their early years, 80 percent of those coming to the clinic had no diagnosis. Today, thanks to the tremendous research paid for with grant dollars, a huge percentage of their patients can be diagnosed and successfully treated.</p>	
<p><b><u>Committee Reports:</u></b></p>	<p><b>Leadership Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanna Spargo - Motion to provide <b>\$2,700</b> for Blaine O’Leary and a PCA to attend the NASDDD Conference on Abuse in Maryland to present on his work with Ohio’s state abuse committee. Motion passed.</li> <li>• Joanna Spargo - Motion to approve the Task Force for Advocacy 2018 State Plan Amendment. Motion passed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outreach Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action items.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children &amp; Health Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action items.</li> </ul> <p><b>Employment Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn Knight brought to the Council a request to provide funding from the discretionary fund for Shari Cooper to present at the next Self Advocates</li> </ul>	

Becoming Empowered (SABE) Conference in Birmingham, AL from June 7-9, 2018. Motion passed.

**Community Living Committee**

- No action items.
- Fatica Ayers gave an update on Hamilton County Board of Developmental Disabilities. She stated that they have been doing very well with the “The Project”. There are 3 objectives as following:
  - 1) Streamline and Integrate Aging and DD
  - 2) Offer Family Directed Budgets to Maximize Safety and Improve Quality of Life.
  - 3) Help Aging Caregivers Plan for the Future

**Executive Committee**

- No action items.

**Public Policy Committee**

- Dara Walburn, Committee Chair reported.  
Three action items:
- A motion to terminate the Data and Policy Research Grant held by Blue Fire, Inc. Motion passed. Ilka Riddle abstained.
- A motion to support Senate Bill 98, Dental Therapist Licenses. Motion passed.
- The committee voted to change Council’s position on House Bill 271, ADA Education and Reform Act, from opposed to neutral. Motion passed. Ilka Riddle abstained.

<p><b><u>Announcements:</u></b></p>	<p><b>Technology &amp; Communication Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victor Wilson, committee vice-chair reported two action items:</li> <li>• Name change of Committee to “Technology &amp; Communication”. Motion passed.</li> <li>• AT of Ohio grant request for <b>\$20,000</b> to purchase three telepresence robots to be used in schools. Paula Rabidoux voted no.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Council Meeting date May 3-4, 2018</li> </ul>	

Chairman Spargo requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Marcella Straughter **moved** to adjourn, Dara Walburn seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:09p.m.

Next meeting is May 3 - 4, 2018 at Doubletree Hotel Newark 50 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Newark, Ohio 43055.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon

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Joanna Spargo, Chair

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James Plasencia, Secretary