

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, May 5, 2017
 DoubleTree Hotel - Newark
 50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, OH 43055**



Attendance: Mark Seifarth (Chair), Joanna Spargo (Vice-Chair), Jeffrey Turner (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Diane Cox, Douglas Frank, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Kristen Helling, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Mark Smith, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Kimberly Stults, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Sue Willis, Mindy Vance, Victor Wilson and Renee Wood (Special Advisor)

GoToMeeting: None

Guests: Julie Armbruster, Dawn Brunkalla, Chuck Dyer, Beth Graham, Teresa Hall, Donna Lowe, Scott Marks, Macie Moore, Betsy O’Leary, Gordon O’Neill, Essie Pederson, Devika Rao, Wiley Roberts, Robinet Smith, Laurel Steedman, and Deborah Tackett

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 p.m. 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 Seifarth asked for a motion to approve the March 3, 2017, minutes. Joanna Spargo moved to approve the minutes, James Plasencia seconded, motion passed. The minutes were approved as written with no objections. Mindy Vance, Victor Wilson, and Blaine O’Leary abstained.	
<u>Chairman’s Message:</u>	Discussed the Legislative Advocacy Day and Washington D. C. - Disability Policy Seminar.	

<p><u>Dept. of Transportation - Chuck Dyer and Marcie Moore</u></p>	<p>Speaker Chuck Dyer spoke at length on the work at the ODOT and the lack of connection to the developmental disability community. He discussed a transit needs study which is being completed in all counties which will clarify what services are needed in each county. Chuck also stated there are 14 different health and human service state agencies which provides transportation assistance and funding to all 88 counties in Ohio and they are working together to align all of their transportation services.</p> <p>Marcie Moore is the coordinator of the 5310 Program at the DOT. This is the only program that requires that any project that is funded by AFT monies is included in a Coordinated Plan. The coordinated plans bring the regions together so that planners can expand existing services and remove duplication of services. These coordinated plans help to identify unmet needs, available resources, and start to form goals and strategies on a broader scale that will connect people from the urban and rural areas. They now piloting 2 regions: 1) Urban and rural counties and 2) Strictly Rural. The coordinated plan has been released to the public for review and input. Chuck mentioned that Ohio has 26 counties without public transportation.</p>	
<p><u>Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities - Scott Marks</u></p>	<p>Scott Marks spoke briefly on the roles and responsibilities of county boards regarding transportation. Most counties are in the middle of rethinking or transferring their transportation service requirements. The kind of transportation services vary enormously from county board to county board. There are very few counties that are still providing transportation by way of</p>	

Medicaid billing.

Committee Reports:

Leadership Committee

- Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported. The Committee's three funded self-advocacy projects are meeting regularly and collaborating together. Four representatives from those projects presented to the committee: Dana Charlton from OSDA, Kathy Foley and Laura Gold from OSILC, and Janet Callison and Ryan Wirth from Best Buddies.

Outreach Committee

- Paula Rabidoux, Committee Chair reported. The group discussed the report from Dr. Hicks regarding the outcomes of the work of the Outreach Committee over the past 12 years. They also had a presentation on implicit bias and found it very valuable. Committee members agree that diversity training for all Council members is important.

Children & Health Committee

- Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Committee Vice-Chair reported. The Committee heard an excellent presentation from Celia Schloemer with the UC UCEDD on the Community of Practice LifeCourse tools. Celia spoke about the LifeCourse tools and noted that additional information is on internet. Kay Treanor informed Council that the Bureau of Children's Medical Handicaps will remain with ODH and will not be moving to the Department of Medicaid.

Employment Committee

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair reported. The committee had a presentation from the grantee- Best Buddies. In addition, Sue noted that she asked two members to talk about their employment experience. She will be asking two members at each meeting to share their experiences to better understand employment for people with developmental disabilities. Leslie Paull presented a request from the Employment Demonstration/Jobcom grant to extend their 2016 grant year through December 31, 2017. The grantee will continue to do job assessments through calendar year 2017 along with staff training. Mindy Vance made the **motion** to accept the extension. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. No one abstained.

Community Living Committee

- Kimberly Stults reported that Kathy Foley, Project coordinator presented on the Transportation Equity Coalition. Kathy also noted that she has been invited to a national transportation forum in Texas with a \$1,500 scholarship. She will present on Ohio's Transportation activities along with 3 other states.

Executive Committee

- N/A

Public Policy Committee

- Joanna Spargo, Committee Chair reported.
- Paul Jarvis updated the committee on the state budget in the Ohio House of Representatives and its impact on the developmental disability community.
- Discussed House Bill 115 which is a measure to allow voluntary registration for people who have communication difficulty. This will help law enforcement when they are interacting with a person with a communication challenge. Diane Cox noted that the voluntary registration is not a public record. The committee voted to support passage of House Bill 115. Chairman Seifarth stated the **motion** came from a committee and required no second. A voice vote was taken and the **motion** passed. There were no abstentions.
- Discussed Senate Bill 144 which is a huge structural change to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). There are many disability groups that will be following this bill. The committee voted to support Senate Bill 144. Chairman Seifarth stated the motion came from a committee and required no second. A voice vote was taken and the **motion** passed. There were no abstentions.
- Spargo said the committee adopted a plan amendment which would increase the Direct Support Workforce Recruitment project by **\$75,000** to support marketing the new materials. Chairman Seifarth stated the **motion** came from a committee and required no second. A voice vote was taken and the **motion** passed. There were no

abstentions.

- Spargo announced that DD Awareness Day/Legislative Advocacy Day was held on March 8, 2017 at the State Capitol in downtown Columbus, OH. There was broader participation this year with 72 counties represented.
- Spargo said the committee also discussed the Disability Seminar that took place in Washington, D.C. in March 2017. Those who went felt they were given a good amount of time with their representatives. She encouraged members who have not been to the seminar, to attend if possible.

AT/Communication Committee

- Kim Crishbaum reported for the AT/Communication Committee. She stated that they had two action items:
- 1) The AT Task Force, formed through the Tech II Conference grant with OSILC, is due to complete its work on June 30, 2017. OSILC asked for a time extension to September 30, 2017 in order to complete the Task Force's activities. No additional funding is needed. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. No one abstained.
- 2) A grant review panel met on April 13, 2017 and chose OCALI for the "Identification of Assistive Technology Lending Programs in Ohio" grant for **\$25,000** pending acceptance of conditions and approval from full Council. Approval from full Council is required per Council's by-laws since

	<p>OCALI already has grants with DD Council totaling over \$100,000. Victor Wilson moved the approval of OCALI as the grantee. The motion was seconded by Marci Straughter. A vote was taken, motion passed. No one abstained.</p>	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renee Wood announced that the Olmstead Task Force will be having their Open House on August 2, 2017, from 12-2pm at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) 150 E. Campus Blvd. She added that the OOTF will have its regular meeting following the open house. Renee stated that the purpose of the Open House is to inform people about Olmstead as well to attract new membership, especially people with disabilities and family members. She noted that expenses, including food and transportation and PCA support, are paid for OOTF members. Renee expressed that she would really like for folks to attend. She stated that she will forward the open house registration once completed and asked if Council would send it out? Chairman Seifarth indicated it would be sent out. • Sue Willis – there has been a subcommittee formed to put documents into plain language. This group will meet on OWed., July 12, 2017 at 6pm. Please contact Leslie or Gilbrina if you are interested in being a member of the subcommittee. • Gilbrina Dillon announced that she is compiling a list of advocacy groups and staff from all 88 county boards. This list is being created to make things 	

	<p>simpler for those who are looking to join an advocacy group. The list will be added to the DD Council website when it is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Seifarth gave a summary of things he learned from the Synergy Conference.• Mark Seifarth described the Nominating Committee and its process of choosing Council members.	
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Chairman Seifarth requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brandon White **moved** to adjourn, Dara Walburn and Blaine O’Leary seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:16p.m.

Next meeting is July 13 -14, 2017, at Crowne Plaza North - Worthington
6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon

Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

Jeffrey Turner, Secretary