



**OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
DOUBLETREE NEWARKHOTEL
NEWARK, OHIO
May 8, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Adelsberger, Kellie Brown, Neil Castilow, AnnMarie Denning, Jessica Foster, Doug Frank, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Lisa Krauss, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Heather McFarlin, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Roxanne Richardson, Ilka Riddle, Rochelle Rollins, Mike Schroeder, Mark Seifarth, Robert Shuemak, Mark Smith, Joanna Spargo, Marci Straughter, Kim Stults, Jeff Turner, Brandon White, Susan Willis, Victor Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Byrnes, Diane Cox, Gregory Dormer,

STAFF PRESENT: Fatica Ayers, Carla Cox, Kim Crishbaum, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis, Carolyn Knight, Ken Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp, Kay Treanor, Tammy Waller

GUESTS: Julie Hence, Dawn Brunkalla, Matt Hatcher, Janet McGee, Melody Brauninger, Brenda Stevens, Deb Tackett, Sharon Shuemak, Brandy Koffel, Cassandra Williamson

Call to order, introductions, and approval of Council Minutes: Chairman Mark Seifarth called the meeting to order at 12:36 and introductions were made.

Council recognized the birthdays of Council members Doug Frank and Brandon White. Council also gave a great welcome back to staff Gary Groom and thanked staff Robin Shipp for pitching in during his absence.

Committee Reports:

Children's and Health – Neil Castilow reported for the committee:

- The committee had no new action items, but had a lively discussion around the State Plan and possible new projects to fund.

Community Living – Kim Stults reported for the committee:

- The Community Living Committee got a lion's share of the allocation funds, and realized that the Outreach Committee was in need of additional funds. A **motion** was made to transfer \$42,000 of the Community Living Committee funds to the Outreach Committee. The motion passed. Bill Adlesberger opposed and Mike Schroeder abstained.
- A **motion** was made to appoint Renee Wood as a special advisor to the Community Living Committee. The motion passed.
- During their committee meeting, they focused on housing and transportation and also had an enthusiastic discussion about their 2017 State Plan.

Outreach – Mike Schroeder reported for the committee:

- Outreach Chair Mike Schroeder and staff Ken Latham submitted a proposal to present at the national NACDD Conference in Sparks, NV in July 2015. A **motion** was made to approve the out of state travel for them to attend the conference and give their presentation. The motion passed. Mike Schroeder abstained.
- The committee enjoyed a great presentation during their meeting. The presenter was former Council member Shari Cooper and her presentation was titled "Outreach Beyond Council". Her message was about how her participation on Council gave her confidence and a voice to advocate.

Assistive Technology – Robert Shuemak reported for the committee:

- A **motion** was made to move the Public Awareness Subcommittee to the Assistive Technology Committee and rename the committee Assistive Technology/Communication Committee. The motion passed.

Executive committee – Carolyn Knight reported for the committee:

- A **motion** was made to move the Public Awareness Subcommittee under the Assistive Technology Committee and the new committee name would be Assistive Technology/Communication Committee. The motion passed.
- A **motion** was made to provide \$2,250 from the discretionary fund to the Ohio Alliance for cost of travel to present at the first annual DSP Conference in KY. The motion passed.
- A **motion** was made to broaden the language in Council policies to allow special advisors who are appointed to a Council committee to be reimbursed for travel to attend meetings other than Council that the committee deems necessary. The motion passed. Bill Adelsberger opposed.
- A **motion** was made to provide an additional \$30,000 to the Public Awareness Grant to fund some additional work. The motion passed.

- Mike Schroeder explained that a discussion took place during the Executive Committee meeting regarding providing Cultural Competency and Diversity training to Council. A **motion** was made to support research into offering this training and to bring back a budget to Council for approval once the budget has been determined. The motion passed.
- The committee discussed holding a transportation hearing to discuss transportation needs, testimonies, etc. They would like for this to be a Council initiative and would record everything spoken at the hearing. Department of Transportation staff would be invited to come and sit in and listen for the day. A budget for this hearing would be presented for approval at the July Council meeting. A **motion** was made to approve the planning for this hearing. The motion passed.

Employment – Sue Willis reported for the committee:

- The committee approved their 2016 continuation grants and came up with lots of ideas for new employment issues.
- Guest speaker Madeline Rosenshein from OCALI gave a presentation on the ODDC grant Realizing Employment First for Youth: Evidence Based Practices and Predictors of Adult Success.
- Sue made a plea for more Council members to join the Employment Committee.

Public Policy – Jo Spargo reported for the committee:

- A **motion** was made to advocate for restoration of funding levels in the state budget and to advocate for inclusion of funds to pay for the county boards of developmental disabilities earmark to replace tangible personal property taxes and to remove changes to the Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights. The motion passed. Roxanne Richardson abstained. The committee also urged Council members to call their Senator to encourage restoring these funds.
- The committee approved their 2016 State Plan language.
- Mark your calendars and save the date – the next Legislative Advocacy Day will be held on March 8, 2016.

Leadership – Jeff Turner reported for the committee:

- The committee began planning for their 2017 State Plan.
- Transportation was the main topic of discussion during the committee meeting.
- Beth Chambers from DODD gave a presentation on Improving Self Advocacy at County Boards of Developmental disabilities.

Mary Thompson from Hopewell Industries and Laura Zurick, Superintendent of the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities, gave a presentation on the Quality Outcomes Workgroup pilot project.

Five Council members and staff Paul Jarvis attended the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC in April. Some of them had the following comments regarding the seminar:

- Neil Castilow thanked Council for the opportunity to attend. He thought the seminar offered great individual programs and presentations and also gave the opportunity to

mingle with Council members from other states and hear how their states are doing things.

- Jo Spargo also thanked Council for sending her to the seminar. She was proud that Ohio had such a large delegation there. She felt that it was very educational and that the visits they made to Capitol Hill will really make a difference.
- Linda Kunick thanked Council for sending her also, and shared that her sister went with her as her attendant. She said that her sister had never seen Linda at work in her field and that it made her sister proud.
- Mark Seifarth thanked Council for sending him as well, and said that the group from Council that attended really put in the work. He was pleased that members of Congress spent time with the group and really listened to them, and reiterated that they really want to hear from folks on the ground. He shared that overall, we had 32 people from Ohio at the seminar. He also stated that fact sheets regarding the seminar will be posted on DD Council's website for anyone interested in further information.
- Staff Paul Jarvis thought that the seminar offered quite a bit of information. He thought the first day was fantastic and really enjoyed the Capitol Hill visits. He shared that the Council group met with 15 out of the 18 Ohio delegation.

Council staff Fatica Ayers and Leslie Paull gave a presentation on the Council's Vision Statement. They reviewed the shared vision and goals they created from Council member recommendations, which are to be used in the next five year State Plan. They encouraged Council members to keep these goals in mind as they develop their new projects. They asked that Council adopt this vision and goals so that they can move on with the work needed. Sue Willis advised that we needed time to look at the language to ensure it is people first friendly. A **motion** was made to adopt this vision and goals with allowance to make technical changes to ensure people first language. The motion passed.

Leslie stated that with so many new members, we need to get a handle on which committees members want to be a member of. She distributed a sheet and asked Council members to list which committees they would like to join. The sheets were collected and Leslie said that she would compile a list of all committees and their members.

Fatica advised that sometime before the end of May, staff Carla Cox will be sending each Council member a section of the State Plan, asking them to list all the different group, committees, etc. that they are a part of – this has to be included in the 2016 State Plan, which is due in August.

Announcements:

Mike Schroeder shared that the BBC did a documentary in Ohio of the forensics psychiatry system titled "By Reason of Insanity". The documentary is done by Louis Theroux and is about people who committed serious crimes while they were very sick. The document is available on youtube.

Heather McFarlin announced that she will be coming to Columbus on May 14 to give a presentation on her Path Program. Carolyn asked her to please send information regarding the location of the presentation.

Marci Straughter shared that she has signed up for the Project Stir training. She will also be talking at their Self-Advocacy Advisory Council.

Chairman's Message:

Mark thanked the Council members for their great attendance at this Council and committee meetings and for putting in the time and hard work. He also thanked all of the staff members for all the work that they do to make things happen. He gave a special thanks to Council members Robert Shuemak and Kim Stults for stepping up as committee chairs, as well as for holding the Vice Chair and Secretary positions on Council.

Adjourned at: 2:34

Mark Seifarth, Chair

Kim Stults, Secretary