



**OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
COLUMBUS, OHIO
September 12, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Adelsberger, Neil Castilow, Diane Cox, Greg Dormer, Helen Dunlap, Jessica Foster, Doug Frank, Mark Greenblatt, Karen Kerr, Lisa Krauss, Linda Kunick, Heather McFarlin, Paula Rabidoux, Kristie Hutchison Ramsey, Roxanne Richardson, Ilka Riddle, Mike Schroeder, Mark Seifarth, Robert Shuemak, Jo Spargo, Marci Straughter, Jeff Turner, Sue Willis and Renee Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Byrnes, Laura Leach, Emily Schmidlin, Kim Stults

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

GUESTS: Melody Brauninger, Ellen Jones, Brandy Koffel, Buffie Labelle, Eric Rathburn, Sharon Shuemak, Patrick Stephan, Brenda Stevens, Amy Tripp, Michael Williams

Call to order, introductions, and approval of Council Minutes: Chairman Renee Wood called the meeting to order at 12:29. Introductions were made. A motion was made and passed to approve the July 2014 minutes. Bill Adelsberger, Diane Cox and Helen Dunlap abstained.

Committee Reports:

Children's and Health – no action items

Community Living – no action items

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Employment – no action items

Public Policy – no action items

Assistive Technology – no action items

Leadership – no action items

Nominating – Helen Dunlap reported for the committee:

The committee held an applicant interview in August and met with all applicants. In your Council folders is a list of individuals and alternates, along with reappointments, that are being considered. It was decided that Council would vote on the list as a whole, and not each individual applicant considered.

- Mike Schroeder made a **motion** that all recommendations for membership applicants as submitted by the Nominating Committee be voted on together as a group. The motion was approved.
- Helen next explained that Diane Cox, Mark Seifarth and Linda Kunick had been nominated for the Council Chair position. She asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor three (3) times. No additional nominations were given and at that point nominations were closed. Presentations were done by all three candidates, answering questions presented to them by the nominating committee. The floor was then opened for questions. No questions were asked, so Council members proceeded to mark their ballots with their vote for the Council Chair position. The ballots were collected and staff Carla Cox tallied the votes. Mark Seifarth received 22 votes; Diane Cox received 16 votes and Linda Kunick received 10 votes. The two names that will be sent to the Governor for consideration of the Council Chair position will be Mark Seifarth and Diane Cox.
- Helen next called for nominations from the floor for the position of Council Vice Chair. No additional nominations were made and nominations were then closed. The two candidates nominated were Neil Castilow and Robert Shuemak. Robert Shuemak received 13 votes and Neil Castilow received 11 votes. Robert Shuemak will begin the Vice Chair appointment in January 2015.
- Finally, Helen called for nominations from the floor for the position of Council Secretary. No additional nominations were made and nominations were then closed. The two candidates nominated were Heather McFarlin and Kim Stults. Heather received 10 votes and Kim received 14 votes. Kim Stults will begin the Secretary appointment in January 2015.

Outreach – Mike Schroeder reported for the committee:

- A **motion** was made to amend the 2014 State Plan language to include \$142,000 for the implementation of the Health Empowerment Technology project activities (HET), which will utilize 12 women from the Triple Jeopardy network to participate in addressing concerns of African Americans and their doctors. There was some discussion regarding the funding and concerns that this would deplete more than half of the carry over funds. Sustainability issues were also raised. The **motion** passed. Paula Rabidoux abstained and Sue Willis opposed.

Patrick Stephan, with DODD, along with Council member Jo Spargo, who is employed by REM Ohio Inc., and her coworker Buffie Labelle, gave a presentation on the new adult foster care waiver, which is a waiver-funded service that will allow for an individual with developmental disabilities to reside in the home of a family in the community. This service can be provided by an independent provider or an agency supported provider. The family is trained to supply the support and care that the individual requires. People with a variety of needs can be supported under this waiver. The service offers continuity in that one person provides a majority of the care. As with any service, research should be done into the specifics of what is being provided, as the rule only covers generalities of what is required. REM Ohio is a service provider of Adult Foster care in addition to HPC, employment services, day supports, group settings and ICFIIDs throughout the state of Ohio. Patrick mentioned that the first order of business was to change the name to Ohio Shared Living, to get away from the foster care terminology.

Staff Kim McConnell gave an update of the status of the DD Council website redesign. She stated that the new site will be much more user-friendly and her goal is to have the new site up and running within the next 60 days. Kim also announced that DD Council now has its very own Facebook page, and encouraged members to visit the page and “like” it. This page will be used to deliver Council information, and to highlight activities and news in the developmental disabilities arena.

Carolyn briefed Council on an out of state travel request submitted by Linda Kunick, to attend the National SABE Conference. She is requesting \$1,500 from Council funds to attend this conference. Mike Schroeder made a motion to approve this request, and Jeff Turner seconded it. The **motion** was approved.

Announcements:

Council member Sue Willis announced the date for the Assistive Technology Conference – it is scheduled for May 13-14, 2015. A “save the date” with more information will follow.

Renee then talked about the field trip that the Community Living Committee went on to visit three (3) different ICFR’s. She asked those that attended to share their thoughts. Linda Kunick stated that she liked the house they saw and thought that the providers worked really well with the residents. Some thought that some of the houses had steps which cause an accessibility issue. Renee’s thoughts were she didn’t see anyone in these homes that couldn’t have lived in a group home or a shared-living environment so that they could be a part of their community. The general consensus was that it was nice and homey – but I wouldn’t want to live there!

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Adjourned at: 2:16

Renee Wood, Chair

Emily Schmidlin, Secretary