

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, September 16, 2016
 Doubletree Hotel Newark
 50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, OH**



Attendance: Mark Seifarth (Chair), Kim Stults (Vice-Chair), Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, (Secretary) Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Neil Castilow, Diane Cox, AnnMarie Denning, Kristen Helling, Heather McFarlin, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Ilka Riddle, Joanna Spargo, Jeffrey Turner, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Sue Willis, Victor Wilson, Robert Shuemak (Special Advisor) and Renee Wood (Special Advisor)

Guests: Emilia Jackson, Dawn Brunkalla, Essie Pederson, Betsy O’Leary, Brenda Stevens, Betsy O’Leary, Deb Tackett, Elly Walburn, Sonja Marchant, Leslie Thiel, Donna Lowe, Robinet Smith, Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio), Tia Nelis, Mary Butler, Bob Butler, Susan Dlouhy, Gary Tonks, Dana Charlton, Diana Mairose, Laura Cummings, Tom Hess, Linda Wetters

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:28 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 motion to approve the July 14, 2016, minutes. Victor Wilson moved to approve the minutes, Jeff Turner seconded, motion passed. Diane Cox and Ilka Riddle abstained. The minutes were approved as written with no objections.	
<u>Chairman’s Message:</u>	Chairman Seifarth spoke briefly about the upcoming Continuation Grant Reviews and	

stated that he would like for the telephone conference capabilities be available for those Executive Committee members who live far away. He stated that it would be unfair to have members travel over two hours for a 45-minute meeting. He asked those Executive Committee members to be available from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Seifarth thanked everyone for the historic meeting in July. It was the first time in the country that a Statewide Independent Living Council and the Developmental Disabilities Council met as a joint meeting. It really set up a push forward for people to work across organizations, bodies and people with disabilities for many years and many states. Chairman Seifarth stated that he and Carolyn Knight looked across at each other thinking we have set a precedent to work with other groups in Ohio across the years. The reason for our working relationships is because we trust each other to be honest and supportive of each other, although not necessarily always agreeing. He mentioned that the folks from Washington were quite impressed with the dialogue captured in our meeting. Opheila McLain (AIDD/ACL) came up to him afterwards and said in amazement “Wow everyone in the room talked in this meeting, not just the Chairpersons.”

Chairman Seifarth thanked everyone again. He stated this will be a collaboration that will be highly considered in the future, which put Ohio on the map and he was very pleased with the outcome.

Chairman Seifarth mentioned that an

	<p>update in Public Policy regarding the month of October being the Disability and Awareness month will be discussed later in the meeting. He also informed Council that he and Carla Cox had a brief discussion regarding the hotel accommodations for Council meetings. He stated that there are challenges with locations and those hotels that can provide an ample amount of accessible rooms. He said that during this time when arrangements are being made in choosing hotels, please let Carolyn and Carla know about your preferences.</p>	
<p><u>Grant Review Tutorial: - Paul Jarvis</u></p>	<p>Grant Reviews were scheduled to take place on November 3-4, 2016.</p> <p>The purpose of the tutorial was to prepare Council members and outside peer reviewers who were new to the process and/or need a refresher, with step-by-step instructions. Many outside peer reviewers were invited to Council for the presentation and to ask questions.</p> <p>Prior to Paul Jarvis' presentation, Fatica Ayers briefly thanked the outside peer reviewers for attending the tutorial. She explained to them that once Paul began with the tutorial, he would not be able to stop to answer questions during his presentation. She also instructed them to write down any questions they may have till the end of the presentation.</p> <p>Paul provided a thorough tutorial of the Grant Review Process, with color coded packets and answered all questions received. In addition, Sue Willis, Ilka Riddle, Susan Dloughy and Laura Cummings offered to assist any self-advocate that</p>	

	<p>needed additional assistance beyond the presentation with the overall process.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p>	<p>Chairman Seifarth mentioned that he noticed that many of the committees were well attended and very good participation was displayed. He stated that this was one of the best meetings he has seen in a long time and thanked everyone for their hard work.</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth then asked each Committee Chair to provide a two-minute update of their meeting and any action items:</p> <p>Leadership Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported: He stated Leadership Development had no action items but had a couple of very good presentations. • Tia Nelis, Self-Advocacy Specialist, Institute on Disability and Human Development and the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Developmental Disabilities and Health, Chicago, IL, spoke about Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered; and • Blaine O’Leary, Council Member and Advocacy Consultant, spoke about Shelby County Advocacy: Project STIR and DD Abuse Training. <p>Outreach Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Rabidoux, Committee Chair reported. She stated Outreach did have one action item. Paula informed Council that Outreach Committee had a thoughtful discussion regarding racism and stated that there would 	

be more of these discussions and invited other Council members to join them in the future. Paula also mentioned that Ken Latham, Council Staff is being requested nationally to provide technical assistance on Outreach efforts.

- Reach-Out e-Diversity Newsletter State Plan Amendment. Paula explained that the amendment would consist of evaluating 10 funded Outreach projects within the last 15 years. This evaluation would highlight areas of success as well as barriers to our Outreach efforts. The results from this project will help us and other DD Councils as well as national officials. Dr. Patricia Hicks will be conducting this project. Therefore, Outreach Committee is requesting that the plan be amended for \$25,000 to incorporate this project. A **motion** was made to amend the 2016 State Plan under ReachOut e-diversity Newsletter to include an additional \$25,000 to evaluate 10 funded Outreach projects within the last 15 years. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee that motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.

Children & Health Committee

- Neil Castilow, Committee Chair reported. He stated Children/Health had no action items but had a very outstanding informative presentation on *'Bridging the Gap in Ohio Part C Services'* from Susan Jones and Beth Popich, Program Consultants. They updated the Committee on

information regarding Early Intervention (EI) in 2012 and how things are today. They also referred to EI videos that are on the DD Council's website. Neil suggested to Council members who are interested in EI to review those videos.

Employment Committee

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair reported. She stated that Employment had no action items but did have a presentation from Disability Rights Ohio who provided information about the Ball vs. Kasich lawsuit. Sue also stated that Tia Nelis told her story to the Committee about how after working in Chicago for 25 years, she accepted a job in Washington, DC. Ms. Nelis shared what a person with a disability should expect when making life changes. The Employment Committee learned many new things from her story.

Community Living Committee

- Heather McFarlin, Committee Chair reported. She stated that Community Living has two action items.
- A **motion** was made to approve the Proposal for: Abuse Awareness & Prevention Systems Training/ Collaboration for First Responders & Forensic Interviewing for \$16,050. The project was from the OACBDD to provide training for first responders and forensic interviewers who deal with people with disabilities who have been abused. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee that motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.

- A **motion** was made for a State Plan Amendment for Ohio SIBS to have a Columbus Coordinator to take care of all the Ohio SIBS November 11-12, 2016, meeting arrangements for \$5,000. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee that motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.

Executive Committee

- Chairman Seifarth asked Carolyn Knight to report the Discretionary Fund Request received in Committee. Carolyn stated that a discretionary fund request was received from Athens County Community Singers for \$3,000. This is a choir made up of people with disabilities that needed travel funds to perform in a prestigious event for choirs in Sandusky, OH in November. The Discretionary Funds was currently depleted and the new annual allocation will be available in October. Because Council does not meet again until December, The Executive Committee approved this request contingent upon what is submitted in October.

Chairman Seifarth informed Council that Executive Committee can approve up to \$5,000 without approval from Full Council. He wanted to share the Athens County Community Singers request to ensure Council members were informed.

Public Policy Committee

- Diane Cox, Committee Chair reported. She stated that Public Policy has two items to report.
- Diane spoke briefly about a missing boy in her area who had wandered

from home that she brought it to the Committee's attention last year in hopes that the Committee could get something going. Since the discussion, without Public Policy's intervention, the introduction of SB 2614, the Kevin and Avonte's Law occurred. The bill creates a \$2M annual grant program for law enforcement agencies to design, develop and create tracking programs for individuals at risk of wandering specific to individuals with Alzheimer's and children with autism and other DD. In addition, Kim Stults shared brochures from Huron County, Project Life Saver, a program they are implementing on their own. Therefore, the Committee will develop a letter of support to send for SB2614 to the co-sponsors of the bill to try to get these programs moving forward and informing them of programs already in the works to protect adults and children who wander.

- Substitute HB483 the amendment in this bill named October the Disability History and Awareness Month. The purpose is to encourage school districts to provide instruction and events focused on disability history and people with disabilities. Because children with DD are more likely to be bullied than their peers, peer understanding is the key to eradicate that damage. So, Council, DRO, Cincinnati Children's and Nisonger Center partnered together to write a letter to school superintendents to provide them with resources to get

the discussion and education underway. The letter is in draft form and will be sent out soon.

AT/Communication Committee

- Marci Straughter, Committee Chair reported. The AT/Communication Committee had discussions regarding the Nisonger Center AT Conference held June 10, 2016, and updates from the AT Task Force. They also had one action item.
- Victor Wilson, Committee Vice Chair reported the action item. A **motion** was made to approve plan language for a project from the AT Task Force. The project is Accessing Assistive Technology Service Delivery in the Ohio County Board of DD System. The purpose of this project is to assess the 88 county boards in Ohio to determine what their various capabilities are. The project is for \$50,000 and will be funded by the monies received from the Public Policy Committee. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee that motion requires no second, the vote was taken, **motion** passed.

Nominating Committee

Chairman Seifarth turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Kim Stults to report the Nominating Committee action items. Kim provided a brief summary of the Nominating Committee's factors to be considered when seeking new membership on Council, such as diversity, representation from other counties that have not served on Council before (only 33 out of 88 represented) and whether they live in an urban, rural or suburban area. Kim stated that the Nominating Committee

is required to send two names to the Governor for consideration for each vacancy and reappointment. She asked Council if they would prefer to vote on each recommendation provided separately or as a group? Council agreed to vote on the recommendations as presented by the Nominating Committee as a group. The recommendation was as follows:

- Diane Cox, parent vacancy, Joette Greenstein and Tina Moreno; Neil Castilow, parent/guardian vacancy, Jean Wyatt (only applicant for this vacancy); George Adelsberger, agency vacancy, Pamela Green and Erin Hoppe; Brandon White reappointment, David Hartinger alternate; Marcella Straughter reappointment, Sonya Lepley alternate; Karen Kerr reappointment, Margaret Hutzal alternate; Joanna Spargo reappointment, Arlene Porter alternate.

Before final vote a discussion occurred and Brandon White asked if he move to another county, would he still be allowed to remain on Council? Carla Cox answered yes, if the Governor reappoints you to Council. Also, Kim brought up about a couple of situations the Nominating Committee encountered; 1) a council member whose term was ended reapplied prior to the waiting period time of three years off Council and was ineligible to apply, 2) an individual applied for Council who was not a US Citizen and was also ineligible. After discussion, a **motion** was made to approve submission of the recommendations provided by the Nominating Committee and passed. Kim then moved on to the Council Officers elections.

- She began with the Secretary position and stated that the nominations received were: Jeff Turner and Victor Wilson. Kim asked for nominations from the floor, three times. No additional nominations were received; however, Victor Wilson withdrew his nomination, making Jeff Turner the only remaining candidate. No vote was necessary. Since there were no objections from the floor, Jeff Turner was appointed Secretary by acclamation. He will begin his new position in January 2017.
- Vice Chair position, nominations received were: Joanna Spargo and Victor Wilson. Kim asked for nominations from the floor, three times and James Plasencia nominated himself. No additional nominations were received. Victor Wilson withdrew his nomination, making the remaining candidates Joanna Spargo and James Plasencia.

Before final vote a brief discussion occurred. Lori Kershner asked what if a person is elected for both the Vice Chair and Chair, what happens? Kim answered, that the Chair position is appointed by the Governor. Paul Jarvis informed Council if the Vice Chair chosen by Council is appointed by the Governor, the Council Bylaws states that the Chair would appoint a new Vice Chair. After discussion, a **roll call vote** was conducted. Joanna Spargo received 14 votes, and James Plasencia received 9 votes. Joanna Spargo received the highest votes, and was appointed Vice Chair, to begin her new position in January 2017.

- Kim then proceeded with the Chair position. She explained that this position is appointed by the Governor and that the top two names would be submitted for consideration. The nominations received were: Joanna Spargo, Marcella Straughter, Victor Wilson and Mark Seifarth. Kim stated that for the Chair position each candidate is required to make a five-minute presentation. She then asked for nominations from the floor, three times and AnnMarie Denning nominated herself. Victor Wilson withdrew his nomination making the remaining candidates Joanna Spargo, Marcella Straughter, Mark Seifarth and AnnMarie Denning.

Before a final vote a brief discussion occurred when the question was asked regarding how many years is a Chair's term? Carla answered that the Chair term is for one year. Paul clarified that the Bylaws state that the term is for one year unless the Governor's appointment otherwise is for a longer term. After discussion, a **roll call vote** was conducted. Paul explain to members that the roll call will be conducted twice, and that each member could only vote for a person one time per vote. Laura Leach abstained the second round. The top two names that would be submitted for consideration are: Marcella Straughter and Mark Seifarth.

Chairman Seifarth asked that Nominating Committee members stand and thanked them for such a grueling process. He suggested to new members to think about becoming vice chairs to committees to get

	<p>familiar with the process for preparation to the Council positions. Kim Stults added that the Nominating Committee is going to revisit the overall application process and how it can be simplified for self-advocates.</p>	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Seifarth reminded Council to refer to the Grant Review Schedule that was in their packets. • He also reminded Council that the last Council Meeting in December will be held at Cherry Valley Lodge. • Marci announced that she and Diana Mairose will be presenting at the Synergy Conference on October 6 and she will also be conducting a session at Project STIR training on October 24-27. • Blaine O’Leary informed Council that he is an advocacy consultant. If anyone is interested in his services, please feel free to contact him. • Rochelle Rollins asked when would the panel members receive their packets? Fatica answered, within two weeks, and that Carla would be sending out an email asking your preference, email or US Mail. • Carla announced that for those traveling far to attend the grant reviews for early 9am reviews they have the option to stay overnight on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Please let her know if you choose to stay. • Carla also reminded Council members of the Ethics Training. Members must complete it annually. She stated that she would send an email out to members once she returns to the office for the link of 	

	<p>the webinars with remaining dates to complete. She asked that members remember to send her a copy of their completed certificates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatica Ayers thanked Vicki Jenkins for an outstanding presentation she presented in the Community Living Committee regarding Human Trafficking. 	
<p><u>Executive Director Report:</u></p>	<p>Carolyn mentioned that we have been working to get a replacement for Tammy’s position. We hope to have someone joining us on October 7, 2017.</p> <p>Carolyn then spoke briefly about Council Staff and all the challenges they encounter on a day-to-day basis, particularly this year during the planning of the 5-Year State Plan. She thanked them for their outstanding efforts.</p>	

Chairman Seifarth requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Stults **moved** to adjourn, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Next meeting is December 9, 2016, at Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, OH 43055.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Carla Cox

Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

Marcella Straughter, Secretary