

**OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**December 8, 2016
Cherry Valley Lodge
Newark, Ohio**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Neil Castilow, Chair	X
Diane Cox	X
Karen Kerr	X
Lori Kershner	X
Laura Leach	X
Heather McFarlin	X
Paula Rabidoux	X
Jill Radler	X
Ilka Riddle	
Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X
Mark Smith	X
Joanna Spargo	X
Kimberly Stults	X

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Seifarth

VISITOR

Samantha Stewart
Kelly Brown
Brenda Stevens

STAFF

Kay Treanor
Carolyn Knight
Paul Jarvis

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chair Neil Castilow called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Neil called for approval of the September minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made, Paula/Joanna. The minutes were approved as written.

Presentation: The committee heard a presentation on YMCA of Central Ohio/ Early Childhood Resource Network (ECRN) from Director Samantha Stewart. Highlight of the presentation were:

- ECRN has provided services to children with disabilities or those who are at risk of disabilities and their families through a variety of programs for 33 years.
- Children ages birth to 5 are the focus of the program.
- One of the most used services by families is the Equipment Exchange program.
- ECRN is currently involved in a Family Support grant from DODD for kids and families of all ages.
- The DODD grant is funded at \$86,000 dollars over 18 months.
- The DODD grant, Strategies for Families, addresses the following goals:
 - Facilitated monthly integrated playgroups
 - Family Support services to the community, including collaborative partners.
 - Hold family support meetings for adult family members
 - Attend home visits to assist families in navigating systems in Central Ohio.
 - Submit a comprehensive report that will guide others on moving forward with strategies and trends for families to overcome barriers.
- Samantha said it is important for all families to understand the YMCA is fully inclusive.
- Samantha reported the outings are held at area parks, YMCA facilities, and accessible playgrounds.
- Volunteers are matched with individuals and families to assure support and safety.
- Thus far, over 1200 families have been served.
- Support at IEP and Home Visiting meetings are often requested by families.
- Activities are accessible to all. Example of activities are picnics, fishing, creeking and owl walk.
- Funding is being pursued to expand the program statewide.

Samantha provided the Committee members with several handouts and a brochure on the program. Questions and discussion took place following the presentation.

New Business/ Old Business: Kay reported on the November grant review results. With the assistance of those who served on the review panels, she went over each project, the number of applicants, highlights of the review itself and the results. The final selections were as follows:

- Family Support in Early Intervention grant awarded to Ohio Association of County Boards of DD
- Healthy Lifestyles for People with Disabilities grant awarded to Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Better Childcare for the Student with DD grant awarded to the University of Toledo

Paul and Kay requested that the Committee Members suggest and discuss ideas for the Public Policy Committee Data and Policy Research grant. Open discussion took place and the following ideas were shared in hopes that the Public Policy Committee would choose one to fund. They were:

- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection because little is known and the prevalence is 1 in 150. Greatly impacts outcomes of healthy newborns.
- Assisting schools in creating rules for expulsion and understanding coping behaviors of students who experience challenges in the classroom.
- Treatment of children with DD in Youth Services.
- More information and data as to the advantages to students who experience integrated K-12 classes in school.
- Data on segregation in Charter Schools, is it happening and are evidence based practices being applied? What are the outcomes for students with DD in Charter Schools?

Agency and Partner Updates:

Updates were tabled due to a shortage of time.

Adjournment: Neil called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Heather. The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.