

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

**September 15, 2016**

**Doubletree Hotel**

**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	
Joanna Spargo	X
Kimberly Stults	X

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Sue Willis  
Mark Seifarth

**VISITOR**

Susan Jones  
Beth Popich  
Liz Prather  
Nate Kamban

**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 May minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made Paula/Laura. The minutes were approved as written with Diane Cox and Rochelle Hall-Rollins abstaining.

**Presentation:** The committee heard a presentation on the Bridging the Gap in Ohio PartC Service grant. Susan Jones and Beth Popich, two of the grant consultants, provided the committee an overview of the work accomplished in the area of Early Intervention through DD Council grant funds. Below are a few of the highlights from their presentation:

- Susan and Beth gave an overview of the three areas in Ohio who received TA to overcome challenges to providing families Evidence Based Early Intervention (EBEI) services due to lack of resources.
- The three areas of the state that were the focus of the work of the grant were: Southern Ohio - Lawrence and Gallia Counties, West Central Ohio – Madison and Clark Counties, and South Eastern Ohio – the clog of Belmont, Harrison and Noble Counties. All three areas had unique and different challenges in providing EBEI services but each made great advancements to achieving their goals and serving more families.
- The grantee also assisted additional counties around the state that requested help in overcoming challenges in providing EBEI services to fidelity.
- The grantee conducts quarterly Leadership Meetings that provide trainings and an opportunity for counties across the state to share and learn from each other. There are over fifty (50) county EI team representatives that attend these meetings.
- About 20 Fidelity Coaches were trained by Shelden and Rush to become Master Coaches of EBEI services.
- Online orientation study groups have been conducted to provide training to new providers of EBEI services.
- Eight videos on the use of technical assistance in providing EBEI services were produced with the assistance of Larry Edelman from Colorado. The videos have received national recognition and are available online at the DD Council website. The presenters provided one of the videos for the viewing pleasure of the committee.
- The grantee is in the process of surveying the entire Ohio Early Intervention system to compare and note changes and advancements made in the five years the grant has been working to improve the system of service for EBEI. The results will be shared with DD Council.

Questions and discussion took place following the presentation.

**New Business/ Old Business:** Kay reported on the upcoming grant review panels for November. There was a need to fill slots for reviewers because of changes due to conflict of interest and attendance challenges. Several committee members volunteered to participate in the reviews. Kay said she would follow up with them in the coming weeks.

**Agency and Partner Updates:**

Laura Leach, representing the Office of Medicaid reported on Information Technology upgrades to the office. “Ohio Benefits” is a new system providing coordination of data through other agencies.

Paula Rabidoux, representing the OSU Nisonger Center, reported the creation of the “Family Resource Center”. Both OSU Nisonger and University of Cincinnati UCEDDs are contributing to this effort through a grant from DODD. Trainings on the Lifecourse model are being provided statewide. An “Angie’s List” style website will provide resource for families. Soft launch will take place in January 2017. Additionally, Paula reported that Margo Izzo is working on state level funding for Secondary Education for students with DD.

**Adjournment:** Neil called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Kim/ Heather. The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.