

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

**July 10, 2014
Cherry Valley Lodge
Newark, Ohio**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Neil Castilow, Chair	X
Helen Dunlap, Vice Chair	
Jessica Foster	X
Mark Greenblatt	X
Karen Kerr	X
Laura Leach	X
Heather McFarlin	
Kristie Hutchison Ramsey	
Paula Rabidoux	X
Roxanne Richardson	X
Michael Schroeder	X
Mark Smith	
Kimberly Stultz	X
Renee Wood	X

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sue Willis

STAFF

Kay Treanor
Carolyn Knight

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chair Neil Castilow called the meeting to order at 9:45am. Following introductions, Neil called for approval of the May minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike / Laura The minutes were approved as written.

Presentation: Being the scheduled presenter was not present, Chair Neil suggested to move on to the next order of business.

Old Business / New Business: Kay reported she had received several calls from family members who expressed concerns with the Transitions DD Waiver, (TDD). Kay said she heard similar concerns from other state agency and community advocates at meetings she attends. For that reason, Kay had asked DODD representative to Council, Roxanne Richardson, to speak to activities at DODD around the TDD Waiver and any efforts being made to resolve issues.

Roxanne presented the following information on the TDD Waiver to the committee members:

- The Transitions Waiver is a closed waiver that was originally housed at ODJFS. DODD took over the responsibility of the administration of the waiver in June of 2012.
- Several changes to the TDD Waiver were made effective July 1, 2014.
- Effective in 2015, funding up to 10,000 dollars per calendar year is available to recipients for home modifications.
- Effective July 1, 2014, physical therapy and occupational therapy services can be accessed through the waiver.
- Effective July 25, 2014, current IO and Level 1 waiver providers can be certified to provide services under the TDD waiver. Providers no longer have to be Medicare certified.
- Previously independent providers for the TDD Waiver were required to be STNA certified. This is no longer required and has been replaced by consumer training (CSTO) and completion of a newly created form.
- Training must be completed before reimbursement can take place. The County Board is responsible for seeing the CSTO is done.
- Meals are not required of Day Habilitation Services under the TDD Waiver.
- Services include 90 calendar days of respite and have the option of being extended if approved through the agency.
- At this time there have been no decisions to phase out the TDD Waiver made. Discussions are taking place to look at all possibilities to provide the best waiver services through a workgroup that includes family members.
- Discussion includes looking at the possibility of a Nursing Waiver.
- Laura will send a link defining services provided under the TDD Waiver.
- Recipients can use delegated nursing. Also more opportunities for community involvement and activities.
- The workgroup is exploring the need to add employment options and other services that are not currently provided under the TDD Waiver.
- Resource of TDD Waiver information –
Email question: TDDinbox@dodd.ohio.gov
DODD Lead person, Lori Horvath
Office of Medicaid Lead person, Laura Leach

Committee members provided input and asked a few questions. Neil thanked Roxanne for the information provided.

Kay opened discussion for committee members to provide input for the Data and Policy

Research Grant out of the Public Policy Committee. Paul asked the committees to provide suggestions to help define what data and research projects will work on this coming year. Committee members provided the following suggestions to be shared with the Public Policy Committee:

- Data is needed to define the disparity and isolation of families that do not have internet access. We do not know how many families lack the opportunity to access resources and social media found through internet connection and what the impact to those families is.
- Data on the number of people with developmental disabilities is not available and should be researched. We need to know how many people with DD are out there.
- Data on what family hardships and financial burdens a member with developmental disabilities brings.
- The IFSP Outcome Scale should have a research component. It was suggested it be piloted in several communities with a control group. This would allow better use of the EI data system to track outcomes for families and children at the state level and show the effectiveness of the EI program across the state. May have national implications for the use of the scale.
- Data and research is needed to further define effectiveness of standardized testing in the schools and if it is capturing what students with DD are learning. Current testing is not appropriate for student with DD and there needs to be a test developed that shows actual progress made.

Agency Reports: With little time left agency representatives were asked to share matters of importance. Jessica Foster from the Ohio Department of Health announced that OSEP assessed Ohio HMG to be in the “meets requirements” category. This is the highest category awarded and a big accomplishment for HMG.

Hearing Aide Assistance is now available to those families looking for resources to fund the purchase of hearing aide equipment. More information can be found on the ODH website.

Adjournment: Neil called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Rene/ Kim. The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.