

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

**May 1, 2014**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center  
Columbus, Ohio**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

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

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joanna Spargo  
Marci Straughter  
Mark Seifarth  
Karen Kerr

**GUESTS**

Wendy Grove	Kim Hauck
Bev Smith	Susan Jones
Beth Popich	Kara Ayers
Ellen Jones	

**STAFF**

Kay Treanor  
Carolyn Knight  
Kim McConnell  
Carla Cox

**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 December minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark G. / Kim S. The minutes were approved as written.

**Presentation:** A presentation on Ohio's Early Intervention System of Service was provided by Wendy Grove, Ohio Department of Health Part C Coordinator, and Kim Hauck, Department of Developmental Disabilities Assistant Deputy Director. Wendy and Kim provided an overview of the history and current work guided by a collaborative plan to improve EI services statewide. The ODH/ DODD Collaborative Plan is a living document housed on the Office of Health Transformation website:

<http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=B0IPLd7qmaM%3D&tabid=119>

Highlights of the presentation:

- In 2010 a stakeholder group and a document outlining future goals for Ohio HMG provided the background for changes to the EI system of service.
- The ODH/ DODD collaborative plan was developed and is housed at the Office of Health Transformation. The plan is a living document and will be revised as the work is completed.
- The first two years of the plan centered on transition activities. These activities have been accomplished and activities around project management are about to start.
- Currently rule revisions aimed to simplify and clarify have been written and reviewed. They will soon be available for public comment with implementation projected in January 2015.
- A jointly agreed definition of "What is EI services in Ohio?" is currently being worked on by both agencies.
- A funding taskforce is looking at how Ohio can better support the fiscal needs of the program through participation in the IDEA Infant & Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) Fiscal Technical Assistance Initiative
- Working with the Office of Medicaid to gain an understanding of how funds could be used to support EI work
- Enrollment of families and children in EI averages 10,500 on any given day.
- Working on addressing social emotional wellbeing of children and increasing child find efforts
- Under the new plan, DODD is responsible for technical assistance to all HMG programs. Currently webinars are being developed and an analysis matrix is being completed. Baseline data on every county will be available next year.
- A HMG Statewide public awareness plan is being developed
- HMG with books allows all children in the families served to receive five books per year in an effort to increase early literacy.
- DODD is hosting regional trainings for P.L.A.Y. project, a program that addresses

- autism, with Dr. Soloman.
- DODD provided training in evidence-based EI practice to nine teams and plans to train an additional ten teams this summer. EI experts Sheldon and Rush assist with those trainings.
- A new HMG website and Facebook page are receiving international attention. The Facebook page receives an average of 700 likes per week.

Wendy and Kim recognized the efforts of the DD Council grant in furthering the initiative and contributing to the success of the changes taking place to improve EI services.

**Old Business / New Business:** Kay introduced Susan Jones, Bev Smith and Beth Popich who act as the consultants for the Ohio EI Statewide System of Services grant. Each consultant provided information about the three areas of Ohio receiving technical assistance through the grant to develop evidence based EI services through a team model. In all, there are seven counties currently receiving TA and a map was provided outlining 39 counties that have been assisted and trained through the efforts of the DD Council grant since 2010. Many of the stories shared by Susan, Bev and Beth demonstrated success in providing quality and meaningful services to children and families identified with developmental delays.

A second handout provided a detailed outline for a two day conference to increase fidelity of practice to trained teams implementing evidence-based EI practice. A similar event was held in 2013 and was a great success. This year the grantee plans to bring Sheldon and Rush to Ohio to provide training along with Ohio's own experts. DODD will be sharing in the cost of bringing in the national experts. The total additional funds requested for this conference is \$8000.00. Kay suggested a plan amendment would be needed to extend funding for this purpose.

**MOTION:** To increase grant funding to the Ohio EI Statewide System of Services grant by \$8000.00 for FY 2014 for the purpose of providing a two day Early Intervention evidence-based practices conference to be held in November of 2014. Mark G. / Kim S.

Chair Neil called for the vote. The motion passed: Jessica Foster abstained.

**Agency Reports:** Due to a lack of time, agency reports were not provided.

**Adjournment:** Neil called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Helen/ Mark G. The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.