

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

March 2, 2017

**Crown Plaza North
Worthington, Ohio**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Neil Castilow	X
Diane Cox	
Karen Kerr, Chair	X
Lori Kershner	
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
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Dara Walburn

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Rene Wood
Donna Lowe
Jerelle Hall-Rollins
Brenda Stevens

STAFF

Kay Treanor
Carolyn Knight
Paul Jarvis

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chair Karen Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Karen requested all in attendance to introduce themselves. Karen next called for approval of the December minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made, Paula/Neil. The minutes were approved as written with Jill Radler abstaining.

Presentation: The committee heard a presentation on Telemedicine in Ohio Schools from Mark Smith, Ohio Department of Education. Highlights of the presentation were:

- Mark spoke on the advantages to telehealth in schools and emphasized the need for Ohio to be proactive.
- Speech therapy, occupational therapy and behavioral health, have been widely approved for telehealth.
- Needed equipment and internet access is not expensive and helps make this doable for most schools.
- The State of Ohio was the first state in the nation to approve the use of Medicaid for schools.
- A student needs an IEP to participate in the program.
- CMS approved the use of Medicaid for schools in 2015
- About 20 state across the nation are currently using Medicaid in schools and more states are in the process of coming on board.
- Ohio Medicaid in Schools includes a variety of program uses including speech and language pathology (SLP), Autism, and IEP development.
- The future of Medicaid uses in schools may include mental health, nursing and MD consults and coordination of care across environments.

Please refer to the slides below for additional details of Mark Smith's presentation to the committee.



Medicaid in School
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New Business/ Old Business: Kay reported on the proposed changes in HB 49 to the Children with Medical Handicap program:

- The BCMH program would transition from ODH to the ODM.
- Any child eligible for Medicaid would transition to the Medicaid program by 2018
- Medicaid as it is today does not cover many of the needs that the BCMH program covers for children.
- New financial eligibility at 225% of the Federal Poverty Level would exclude many needy children and families.
- It is unknown what changes will be made to cost shares for families.

Following the report, there was much discussion by the membership.

Agency and Partner Updates

Laura Leach, representative from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, reported 600 waiver recipients have opted to use Managed Care Medicaid providers. Laura also said as of April 1st new career planning has been approved as a waiver service providing 1-1 employment assistance. “Shared Living” is the new term for combined family and nonrelation adult living arrangements. Coming soon will be a new AT Waiver providing for better reimbursement for remote monitoring needs.

Paula Rabidoux, representative for OSU Nisonger Center, reported they have been awarded a NIH grant to look deeper into Alzheimer disease as it relates to individuals with Down Syndrome.

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