

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

**March 8, 2017**

**Sheraton Columbus Hotel  
Columbus, Ohio**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

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

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Sue Willis

**VISITOR**

Celia Schloemer  
Laura Rooney  
Jackie Rigutto  
Kellie Brown

**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 called for approval of the September minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made Paula/Jo. The minutes were approved as written with Mark Smith and Bobbi Burke abstaining.

**Presentation:** The committee heard presentations from agency and partner members on new and ongoing initiatives of interest in the areas of Children and Health in their perspective organizations.

Bobbi Burke from the Ohio Department of Health introduced Laura Rooney, administrator of Ohio Maternal and Child Health. Highlight from Ms. Rooney's presentation were:

- Information on the Home Visiting program as defined by HB 332. The program is transitioning to an evidence based curriculum as on July 1, 2018.
- A handout was provided on improvement to well visits for adolescents.
- Three webinars have been developed with American Academy of Pediatrics to assist physicians with adolescent well visits.
- Help with transition to adult health care at age 14 is the focus of one of the webinars.
- 160 members of the Ohio Adolescent Partnership meet every other month to focus on health needs of that population including concerns of human trafficking.
- The Prevention Block Grant, that addresses chronic diseases, has received funding cuts.

Paula Rabidoux from the Ohio State University Nisonger Center, UCEDD provided an overview of the many programs provided there. Listed are some of the programs mentioned:

- The Autism Diagnosis Education Pilot Project (**ADEPP**) clinic focuses on autism diagnosis for children under the age of 3 statewide.
- Pediatric Dental services are available. This program includes outreach efforts for the Hispanic population.
- Early Childhood Education program with 25 early intervention participants.
- School age clinic for ages 6 and above. Included is transition services from age 14 to post-secondary options.
- Shakespeare Autism Clinic, a collaborative effort with the OSU Theater Department.
- Toy Library, coordinated by the school of occupational therapy.
- Adult Dental Services for people with DD.
- Next Chapter Book Club provides social groups and outings statewide.
- Aspirations Ohio provides social opportunities and services to people on the autism spectrum
- Adult Down Syndrome services and supports.
- Remote Support Services Group

- Ohio SIBS Group
- Transition options, TOPS post-secondary education providing an 85% success rate to graduates of the program.
- Family Resource Network of Ohio, [www.frno.org](http://www.frno.org), resource website for families.
- Training opportunities for professional development on various topics such as Opiate addicted children and Trauma Based Care.

For more information on these areas of interest and more, please visit <http://nisonger.osu.edu/>

Celia Schloemer from the University of Cincinnati, UC UCEDD, presented for Ilka Riddle, Director, on the many program initiatives. A snapshot of the presentation Power Point is included below. Highlights of the presentation were:

- Living Independently from Tobacco, LIFT program
- Healthy Lifestyles program
- Emergency Disaster Preparedness program
- Pathways to Justice and Disability program, developed by the ARC
- Information and Referral help for families. School issues are often a concern addressed by this program.
- Guiding People Through Systems, GPS, an online care notebook.
- P2P Ohio, in development with the national Parent 2 Parent USA organization
- Community of Practice trainings and regional support work across Ohio.
- Transition Bootcamp for Ohio families and individuals with DD.
- Empowering Families Symposium for younger children.
- Parenting with Disabilities
- Babysitting Children with DD trainings

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Mark Smith, representing the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) presented on Health in Schools and new trends in his work on the subject. Highlights of Mr. Smith's presentation were:

- Medicaid in schools is broadening to be more inclusive of children with various challenges.
- School health care programs are important in addressing the "health deserts" experienced by many students. Better access to health care is needed.
- Healthy students will improve the learning capabilities of all.
- Partners in this work are the Office of Medicaid and private health providers such as Kaiser.
- School districts are looking to partnering with physicians and clinics serving kids.
- Emphasis improvements in the areas of early learning, trauma informed care, oral health, and asthma.
- Greater awareness that student health impacts absenteeism and graduation rates.

- Mark explained to the members about some new and cutting edge concepts to better collect data to support the work.
- On a separate issue, Mark said there are no anticipated rule changes to Restraints and Seclusion measures in schools.

After much discussion by the committee on the issues presented, Mark was asked to update the committee about Health in Schools in the upcoming committee meetings.

Laura Leach, representative for the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) presented on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). Laura was accompanied by coworker Jackie Rigutto. Highlight of the presentation were:

- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) began in January of 2018 and will affect all Medicaid services including waiver services.
- No claims will be denied payment until July of 2018.
- Some providers have their own method of tracking data for verification and this will be allowed.
- Starting in July, an App will be available to providers that can be utilized for tracking purposes.
- There are also devices that have been distributed to individuals receiving services but a lack of instructions on how to use these devices has minimized their usefulness.
- A group has been formed to address the many questions and concerns about EVV. The next meeting is March 21, 2018
- Major concerns about the collection of data surrounds the use of GPS and cameras. Consumers find GPS as an invasion of privacy.
- Next phase of implementation will include the DD population but it is not yet known if group homes will participate.

The committee members received a handout including contact information. It is attached below.



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**Adjournment:** Karen called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Paula/Mark. The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.