

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

**May 3, 2018  
Doubletree Hotel  
Newark, Ohio**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

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

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vickie Jenkins  
Rhonda Rich  
Michael Richards  
Brenda Brandon  
Shannon Komisarek

**VISITOR**

Andrea Witwer  
Christen Brown  
Kellie Brown  
Brenda Stevens  
Heather Casey

**STAFF**

Kay Treanor  
Carolyn Knight

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Co-Chairman Rochelle Hall-Rollins called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Rochelle called for approval of the March minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made Paula/Jo. The minutes were approved as written with Heather McFarlin abstaining.

**Presentation:** Andrea Witwer PhD from the OSU Nisonger Center presented on the impact of the opioid crisis on children with prenatal exposure and the development of an interactive web-based training. Highlights from Doctor Witwer's presentation were:

- Interdisciplinary teams at two medical centers collaboratively developed a web-based training. The teams conferenced weekly to discuss content, project needs and next steps.
- Content development began with literature reviews of the opioid epidemic, addiction, neonatal abstinence syndrome, traumatic stress, and child development.
- Video recordings were conducted with foster parents, youth, childcare and EI providers, OBGYN/neonatologists, occupational therapists, and addiction experts. The videos will be used in the content of the training.
- The training is approximately 90 minutes in length and includes pre-and post-training questions to assess learner knowledge.
- Subjects covered in the training include; the current status of the opiate epidemic, basic brain development related to the biology of addiction, neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and other developmental outcomes of prenatal exposures, trauma informed care including strategies in working with children in the classroom, and information on practices to implement when concerns arise with the child's development.
- Continuing education credits from the Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association (OCCRRA) are available for those that complete the training.

Council members made several comments and asked questions in relation to the opioid epidemic across Ohio. Kay asked that Andrea keep the committee up to date on next steps.

**Old Business/ New Business:** Mark Smith, representing the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) presented on Health in Schools and the continued progress on the subject. Highlights of Mr. Smith's presentation were:

- Progress on this initiative has been slowed because of the complexities of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, FERPA.
- Up to now, Medicaid funding was only used for IEP specified needs but not for other problems such as opioid epidemic related problems or mental health problems.
- Medicaid and additional dollars from education are not enough to meet the need. We need to look outside the school walls to facilitate students in getting the healthcare they need.

- Schools can and should partner with outside providers for healthcare needs. Incentives are needed to make this happen.
- There needs to be an emphasis on underperforming schools in underserved areas to make connections to meet the healthcare needs of students.
- Among others, vision and oral health are important.
- Schools need a plan to reach community partners and collaborate on this issue. A toolkit is being developed to help them do this.
- School performance ratings will be tied into this healthcare initiative.
- One possible outcome of this effort is it will help the health of the entire community, not just students.

After the presentation, council members discussed the concept presented by Mark. Some did not agree that it should be a part of the school performance ratings because it puts stress on already stretched school budgets. Mark said the toolkit would help with that.

More information on the toolkit and the initiative can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Administrators/School-Based-Health-Care-Support-Toolkit>

**Agency and Partner Updates:** Bobbie Burke, representative for ODH, provided the following information:

- ODH is working on the rules for the Children with Medical Handicap (CMH) program. The rules will be posted later this summer for comment. It is anticipated there will not be many changes to the current rules.
- ODH is asking for input on disaster preparedness for folks with special needs.

Paula Rabidoux, representative for the OSU Nisonger Center, announced two upcoming events of interest:

- May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Nisonger Institute will focus on homemaker/ home healthcare services in Ohio.
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Nisonger Center will host the 2018 Techsummit Event.

More information can be found on both events online at [www.Nisonger.osu.edu](http://www.Nisonger.osu.edu)

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