



**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Community Living Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

<p><u>Vision Statement</u> People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.</p> <p>People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be seen as people first</li> <li>• Achieve their full potential</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u> To identify &amp; promote strategies approaches and resources that support adults with developmental disabilities as they choose where and with whom they wish to live... and children with developmental disabilities in safe and nurturing family settings.</p>
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**LOCATION:**

**Cherry Valley Lodge  
2299 Cherry Valley Road  
Newark, Ohio 43055j**

**DATE:**

December 10, 2015

Members	Present
Jane Byrnes	X
Ann Marie Denning	x
Lisa Krauss	X
Linda Kunick	x
Heather McFarland	x
Rochelle Hall Rollins	x
James Plasencia	x
Jill Radler	X
Mike Schroeder	x
Mark Seifarth	x
Joanna Spargo	x
Marcella Straughter	X
Kim Stults, Chairperson	x
Jeff Turner	X

Renee Wood, Special Advisor	x
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**Policy Analyst**

Fatica Diana Ayers	x
Ken Latham	
Leslie Paull	
Paul Jarvis	
Carla Sykes	X
Kay Treanor	

**Fiscal Staff**

Robin Shipp	X
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**Executive Director**

Carolyn Knight	X
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**GUEST(s):**

Melody Brauninger with Linda  
 Robert Shuemak, Council Member  
 Ellen Bennett  
 Donna Lowe  
 Brenda Stevens with Heather  
 Dawn Brunkalla- Ann Marie  
 Robinet Smith with Marcella  
 Cheryl Stohm with Jeff & James  
 Jacqueline Slemmer, DHN

**I. Call to order**

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:15pmb by Kim Stults, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- C. It was determined since Kim was participating by phone she could not Chair the committee, so Mark Seifarth was asked to Chair the meeting.

**II. Announcements**

- A. There were no announcements.

**III. Approval of September 10, 2015 Minutes**

- A. Mark asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - 1. Michael Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
  - 2. Jeff Turner seconded the motion.
  - 3. Motion was carried.

#### **IV. Final Review of & Proposed Projects & Plan Language For 2017-2021**

A. Fatica briefly shared with the committee the use of the Logic Model as a part of DD Council presentation of information.

1. There was no discussion

B. Robin Shipp explained how Council is supporting the Housing position in DODD in the Project entitled: Partnership for Housing for People with disabilities. Robin reported the following:

1. The current version better clarifies the role of each party as it relates program goals, objectives and activities.

2. Council is not directly hiring an employee, nor is the grantee being required to hire an employee (it would be unusual for a grantor to require a grantee to hire a permanent employee to fill a position that will be funded with limited-time grant dollars); this is simply the agreed upon strategy to fulfill the desired program outcome of increasing access to affordable and accessible housing in Ohio.

3. In line with its' other grants, Council will provide the financial means but the grantee will provide the manner by which it plans to be successful.

C. \$23,000.00... what shall we do with it? (CLC Allocation)

1. Fatica stated in reviewing the CLC allocation, after funding all the projects, it appears CLC didn't spend all their allocation. There is \$23,000 that the committee must decide what to do with.

2. Mark opened the floor for discussion and the following suggestions were given:

a. Renee suggested to work to implement the CMS rule to help educate people to transition to true community based services. Council can assist with transitioning people to real live choices to community. The CMS rule is not about receiving ICF services and moving to community it is about where ever you live it has to be community living.

b. Mark stated he would like to see more collaboration among committees.

c. Fatica stated we do not have to decide right now, mainly wanted to make the committee aware of it. We can wait until 2017 and do creative things.

D. Carolyn made a recommendation to utilize 2016 funds for the following:

1. To support the Ohio Provider Resource Provider Association and the Ohio Association of County Board of DD to create a marketing plan for Ohio Shared Living. Ohio Shared Living (OSL) is a residential service option, available through the Individual Options Waiver and

currently billed under Medicaid as “Adult Foster Care”. OSL allows individuals to receive continuous care and support while living in a typical family home setting. Due in part to the program still being identified by the outdated name, “Adult Foster Care,” and persistent misconceptions, the concept is often poorly understood, and the OSL program continues to be under-utilized.

2. Recruitment of potential caregivers and host families is also a concern. In order to expand the utilization of the program, capacity must be built in advance of need, instead of in a reactionary fashion.
3. **Objectives** OACBDD / OPRA are seeking to develop a strategic communications campaign and a set of supporting materials that will:
  - a. Educate SSA’s, families, host families, potential caregivers, and other stakeholders about the Ohio Shared Living (OSL) program model and its benefits.
  - b. Intensify and improve the recruitment of new caregivers and proactively build capacity in anticipation of need
4. The idea is to support the effort with \$15,000 to \$20,000.00

E. Mark asked for discussions and there was minimal discussion, so Mark asked for a motion to support the effort.

1. **Michael Schroeder made a motion to utilize surplus funds from 2016 to help produce video and ensure it reflects diversity.**
2. **Rochelle Rollins seconded the motion.**
3. **There was roll call vote and the motion carried.**

F. Determine who will share sections on Friday (Chair, Various Members)

1. Kim shared with the committee that she had already contacted various members to share a 1 minute blurb regarding it project that Community Living is recommended to be funded. She provided the following names:
  - a. Direct Support Professional Project- Anna Marie
  - b. Housing Project- JoAnn Spargo
  - c. Aging Care giving Project- Rochelle Rollins
  - d. Transportation Project- Heather McFarland
  - e. Partnership Housing Project- Marcella

G. Fatica asked who would be interested in serving on Grant Review Panel and the following members volunteered:

1. Housing Project- James & Marcella
2. Transportation Project- Jeff & Heather
3. Aging Caregiver Project- Rochelle & JoAnn
4. DSP Project- Linda & Anna Marie
5. Housing Partnership- In house

## **H. The Next Steps In Planning Process**

1. Fatica shared the following steps to be taken:
  - a. The entire State Plan will be shared with full Council on Friday and voted on.
  - b. The Plan will go out for public comment for 45 days.
  - c. Public comment will come back to Council to include and possibly make changes.
  - d. July 2016 full Council will then vote.
  - e. August 2016 Council will host a bidder's conference
  - f. October 2016 all applications are due in.
  - g. November 2016 Grant Reviews will be held.

## **V. Reflections**

- A. Mark turned the floor over to Michael Schroeder and Lisa Krauss to share their final thought before going off Council.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- A. Mark asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  1. **James Placencia made a motion to adjourn. Jane Byrnes seconded the motion to adjourn.**
  2. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.**