



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Community Living Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Vision Statement

People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.

People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:

- Be seen as people first
- Achieve their full potential

Mission Statement

To identify & 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.

LOCATION:

Crowne Plaza North- Worthington  
6500 Doubletree Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

DATE:

July 12, 2018

Members	Present
Michael Denlinger	X
Matt Harrison	X
Emilia Jackson	X
Heather McFarland	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
Vicki Jenkins, DODD, Vice Chair	X
Blaine O'Leary	X
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler, Chairperson	X
Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	X
Mindy Vance	
Dara Walburn	X

Policy Analyst

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

Fiscal Staff

Robin Shipp	

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	
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GUEST(s):

Billie McAleer with James  
Bethany Toledo, OADSP

Brenda Brandon- ODDC Member  
Sam Logulo  
Rhonda Rich, ODDC Member  
Christine Brown, Nisonger Center  
Donna Lowe with Renee  
Casper Shahan ( with Matt)  
Betsy O'Leary

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:10 by Jill Radler, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. At the September meeting it will be time to reappoint Renee Woods as Special Advisory to Community Living.
- B. On Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Council will host a Grantee Gathering. The place to be determined.

III. Approval of May 3, 2018 Minutes

- A. Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - 1. **Blaine O 'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed.**
  - 2. **Dara Walburn seconded the motion.**
  - 3. **Motion was carried.**
  - 4. **There was no abstentions.**

IV. Project Presentation- Strengthening the Voices of Direct Support Professionals

A. Jill turned the meeting over to Bethany Toledo, Executive Director of Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals. Below are highlights of her presentation:

1. Bethany provided the Mission, Vision and Principles of the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals. (OADSP)
2. She shared an extremely thorough timeline of the progression of the Credentialing project which included the funding ODDC provided. Here are a few of the accomplishments:
  - a. Statewide Credentialing & Reciprocal
  - b. Agreement with NADSP
  - c. Initial and Annual Training for Providers
  - d. Basic Certificate Course
  - e. In July 2018 \$1.00 will be added to longevity for DSPs who have gone through credentialing program.
  - f. Safety Net
  - g. DSP Council
  - h. OADSP Summit
  - i. Consulted with RTC for pilot to tie wages to credentialing (Lori S.
  - j. Supervisor Council
  - k. Leadership LAUNCHpad OH & GA
  - l. Focus on non-incumbent workers
  - m. C3P(O) Partnership with OPRA Adult Education
3. There was a chart that demonstrated the "Internal Opportunities" as well as "External Opportunities" that

has propelled the project forward. All of these opportunities has made the activities of this movement stronger.

4. OADSP has created a Scope of Practice for DSPs in order to strengthen the value of the work that DSPs perform that is no different than any other profession. It is just specific to Direct Support Professionals. It is also designed to promote additional wages.
5. The Reach Out & Appreciate & Recognize activities (R.O.A.R.) goes to DSPs and recognizes the good work they do.
6. The Wage Initiative involves the following next steps:
  - a. Online Courses
  - b. Making the case for specializations
  - c. Building the Structure
7. Specializations include:
  - a. Inclusion
  - b. Health Support
  - c. Positive Behavior Support
  - d. Aging Support

V. Old/New Business

A. Jill turned the meeting over to Renee Woods, Special Advisor to Community Living Committee to provide an update on the groups she sits on. Below are highlights of her presentation:

1. Waiting List Rule It's reestablishing the Rules for the Waiver waiting List.
  - a. Passed 6/11/2018 and will go into effect 9/1/2018

- b. Everyone on the current Wait List assessed for needs with an assessment tool to determine current or immediate need according to definition.
  - c. Waivers are not the "Panacea" to meeting needs.
  - d. Be aware of what you or your child really need in this moment.
  - e. Remember the less "reliance" on services the freer the person will feel.
2. The Electronic Visit Verification is part of the CURES Act which is a Federal regulation.
- a. It mandates that states implement EVV for all Medicaid personal care services (PCS) and home health services (HHCS) that require an in-home visit by a provider.
  - b. States must require EVV use for all Medicaid-funded PCS by January 1, 2019 and HHCS by January 1, 2023.
  - c. Ohio has rolled this out – many issues with the roll-out.
  - d. For the disability community the primary concern is the GPS on the device is which pings location if changing provider while in the community.

## VI. Adjournment

A. Jill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**1. Dara Walburn made a motion to adjourn.**

**2 James Plasencia seconded the motion.**

**3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.**