



**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:**

**Doubletree Hotel Newark  
50 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Newark, Ohio 43055**

**DATE:**

September 15, 2016

Members	Present
Jane Byrnes	X
Ann Marie Denning	X
Linda Kunick	x
Heather McFarland, Chairperson	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
James Plasencia	x
Jill Radler	x
Mark Seifarth	X
Joanna Spargo	x
Marcella Straughter	X
Kim Stults, Chairperson	X
Jeff Turner	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	X
Mindy Vance	X

**Policy Analyst**

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

**Fiscal Staff**

Gary Groom	X
Robin Shipp	X

**Executive Director**

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

- Essie Pederson with Linda
- Brenda Stevens with Heather
- Dawn Brunkalla- Ann Marie
- Deb Tackett with Jeff & James
- Jeff Davis, OPRA
- Vicki Jenkins, Council Member
- Dara Walburn, Council Member
- Sue Willis, Council Member
- Emilia Jackson, ODA

**I. Call to order**

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:15 pm by Heather McFarland, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**II. Announcements**

- A. Fatica reminded everyone about the Grant Review in-service.
- B. Jane Byrnes informed everyone about her position with the Department of Aging and she introduced Amelia

**III. Approval of May 5, 2016 Minutes**

- A. **Heather asked for a motion to approve the minutes.**
  - 1. **James Plasencia made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.**
  - 2. **Jeff Turner seconded the motion.**
  - 3. **Motion was carried.**

**B. The following people abstained:**

**1. Mark Seifarth**

**2. Mindy Vance**

**3. Vicki Jenkins**

**4. JoAnn Spargo**

**Old/New Business- 2 Action Items:**

**IV. Action Items**

A. Heather asked the committee for permission to present the Action Items. The committee agreed.

1. Proposal for: Abuse Awareness & Prevention Systems Training/  
Collaboration for First Responders & Forensic Interviewing

a. Fatica and Carolyn shared the purpose of the project and how much the funding was.

b. Heather asked for discussion and then asked for a motion to approve.

**(1) Linda Kunick made a motion to approve the expenditure for the project.**

**(2) Ann Marie Denning seconded the motion.**

**(3) The motion was approved.**

2. **2016 Sibling State Plan Amendment -**

a. Fatica and Carolyn explained the purpose of the State Plan Amendment.

b. Heather asked for further discussion and **then asked for a motion to approve the State Plan Amendment.**

**(1) Kim Stults made the motion to approve the State Plan Amendment.**

**(2) James Plasencia seconded the motion.**

**(3) The Motion was approved.**

**V. The Shared Living Program & Workforce Crisis**

A. Heather turned the meeting over Jeff Davis who works for the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA). Below are highlights of his presentation:

1. Jeff shared two powerful videos of the Shared Living Program.

2. There may be at least 1,000 people involved in the Program.

3. The Passport Program has now adopted the model. They are still working on it.

4. Homes are not licensed.

5. Funding comes from the Department of DD has a provider.

- B. Jeff shared the following information on the workforce shortage:
1. We are having a hard time recruiting DSPs. There is a retention issue.
  2. Turnover rates are high.
  3. DSPs and frontline supervisors are receiving some kind of public assistance.
  4. They don't want to lose benefits from getting an increase in pay.
  5. There is a 50% turnover rates and the demand is too great. It is hard to keep up with the demand.
  6. We need to determine what kind of resources can be put together in the time of crisis when DSPs need it?
  7. Stakeholders are taking an in-depth look as this issue.

## **VI. Human Trafficking- Vicki Jenkins**

- A. Heather turned the floor over to Vicki Jenkins who works for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. She covered the following areas:
1. The definition of human trafficking
  2. Who can be trafficked
  3. Who can do the trafficking
- B. Below are highlights of various facts in Vicki's presentation:
1. A number of agencies had to put together a trafficking plan.
  2. The Department created a human trafficking hand-out.
  3. The Department- optional training; MUI training.
  4. Brown Bags for SSAs and anyone else who wanted to know about what it is.
  5. Sex; labor trafficking; deception and taking people's passport from them.
  6. Kids selling magazines (forced labor)- forced begging.
  7. Truck stops victims can be taken.
  8. Girls with intellectual disabilities are a target in the state of Florida.
  9. 2004- New York Times article called the Boys in the Bunkhouse.(national case)
  10. Ohio had a case in 2013 case- young girl was trafficking.
  11. Signs of abuse on work- do they earn their money; can they leave their job- there are signs of physical abuse and Vicki shared what those was.
  12. Law Enforcement is being trained about Human Trafficking.
  13. Prostitution is not always voluntary.
  14. Prosecutor are now aware.
  15. Asking people to be more aware and to be on the lookout for human trafficking.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
1. **Kim Stults made a motion to adjourn.**
  2. **Jeff Turner seconded the motion.**
  3. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:37p.m.**