



**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 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Newark, Ohio 43055**

**DATE:**  
 May 7, 2014

Members	Present
Bill Adelsberger, Vice Chair	X
Jane Byrnes	X
Lisa Krauss	X
Linda Kunick	X
Mike Schroeder	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Kim Stults, Chairperson	X
Heather Miller	X
Jeff Turner	X
Renee Wood	

**Policy Analyst**

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

**Fiscal Staff**

Gary Groom	X
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**Executive Director**

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

Melody Braundinger with Linda  
Bob Laux, Wild River Consulting  
Jacquelyn Slemmer, Disability Housing Network  
Karen Kerr, New Council Members  
Joanna Spargo New Council Member  
Ellen Jones with Renee  
Jaime Graham with Marcella  
Ernie Fischer, DODD  
Mark Seifarth, Chair of Council  
Ann Marie Denning, Council Member  
James Plasencia  
Victor Wilson  
Pam Combs, Licking County & Tonya

**I. Call to order**

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:20 by Kim Stults, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**II. Announcements**

- A. The Chair asked Paul Jarvis to provide an update on the DD Council Video Conference/Teleconference Rule.
- B. Below is the highlight of what Paul represented:
  - 1. Council will be able to begin participating via video conference and teleconference on May 7, 2015.
  - 2. Council needs to know which Council members have access to video-conferencing technology (i.e. Facetime, GoToMeeting, webcam).
  - 3. We need to know who is able to participate via telephone.
  - 4. The statute and rule require we attempt to do video-conferencing first.

5. If council members does not have access to the equipment to participate via video-conferencing, we are permitted to allow them to participate in meetings by phone.

### **III. 2016 State Plan Update**

- A. The Chair shared with the committee the projects who remained the same and the two projects requesting additional dollars.
- B. Fatica shared with the committee all projects remain the same for their final year except Promoting the DSP Project. The Grantee would like an additional \$10,000.00 to develop a Leadership Training Course . The Sustaining Sibling Network Project has finally hired another Executive and we have in the past provided that Project with an additional \$5,000.00 to host the Youth Transition Retreat.
- C. Kim asked the committee if they had any questions and if someone would make a motion for approval for each grant. Below is the action that was taken:
  1. **Mike Schroeder made a motion to approve the additional \$10,000.00 for the DSP Project, it was seconded by Jeff Turner. Motion carried.**
  2. **Mike Schroeder made a motion to approve the additional \$5,000.00 for the Sibling Project in order to host the Youth Transition Retreat, Jeff Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **IV. Other issues from public Input**

- A. The Chair reviewed the handout that staff compiled that denotes other issues raised by the public that would fall under Community Living.
- B. Kim asked the committee were there other issues they felt the committee should consider discussing and possibly addressing. Below are suggestions given by the committee members:
  1. Emergency Preparedness
  2. The need for more DSP to support people wanting to live in the community.
  3. Recreation is an issue.

### **V. Transportation**

- A. Kim explained to the committee that “transportation” was a top issue expressed by not only the Council members but from the public. She stated the committee must now determine what we would like to invest our dollars in as it relates to transportation that would have an impact. Kim turned the meeting over to Paul Jarvis to share information.
- B. Paul decided to provide the committee with updates regarding the cuts in the Department’s budget:
  1. Budget changes or cuts to DODD budget will have a bigger impact on Community Living Committee.

2. 20 million dollar earmark.
  3. Medicaid cut \$4 million 1st year, \$ 9 million second year.
  4. Federal line item shows a 27 million dollar cut.
  5. DODD is in grave danger.
  6. The budget cuts reduces the # of proposed new waivers.
  7. May not be able to add nursing services to IO waiver.
  8. The budget cuts could eliminate the implementation of converting the Transition Waiver to IO Waiver.
  9. Direct Care staff wage increase is now in jeopardy.
  10. There were changes to the Bill of Rights.
  11. Paul urged committee members to contact their legislators to share their concerns about these budget cuts.
    - a. Paul volunteered to provide bullet points to assist members in relaying a unified message when contacting their legislators about their concerns.
- C. Kim turned the meeting over to Chuck Dyer, Administrator for the Office of Transit under the Ohio Department of the Transportation. Below are highlights of his presentation:
1. He shared the Vision and Mission of the ODOT.
  2. He highlighted information for the Transits Needs Findings.
  3. He shared trends affecting future demand
  4. The financial needs.
  5. Transit services needs to be expanded.
- D. Kim stated we will continue the transportation discussion at a further date and will ask Mr. Dyer back.

## **VI. Housing Issues**

- A. Kim stated another issue that has been slated as something Council should address in the next 5 years which is housing. The committee must determine the best investment of Council dollars to address this issue. She introduced Bob Laux, current Council Housing Project Grantee and Ernie Fischer, Project Manager for DODD.
- B. Ernie had very little time to present due to the lateness of the hour, however he was able to share the following:
1. DODD funds \$14.5 million community capital assistance.
  2. DC down sizing & Intermediate care conversion are priorities but will fund community emergencies on a case-by-case basis
  3. We are working with a couple Large ICF decertification or licensure revocation issues - must have some place for them to go ( housing part)
  4. Waiting on see what happens to the budget. We had \$1 million in Governor's budget for Rental Assistance – was cut by 25% in the House
  5. Want to expand what they are doing to help fund initiative.
  6. Provide housing standards, promote accessibility standards- providing training.

7. Leveraging DODD \$ with other programs. Collaborating with Ohio Housing Finance Agency on projects to develop other models of subsidized housing.
- C. Bob Laux shared the following
1. The need for adequate vouchers is a major issue for housing.
    - a. Pam Comb and Tonya from Licking County gave an example of a barrier they overcome as it relates to vouchers in their county.
- D. Kim apologized for the presentation having to be cut short due to the lateness of the hour, however, it was decided that the July meeting will be dedicated to housing only and will invite all back.

## **VII. Old Business/New Business**

- A. Kim stated she wanted to recommend to the committee to give \$42,000 to Outreach for the next 5 Year Plan.
- B. Fatica explained the history of the Community Living Committee always received the lion's share of federal dollar due to the magnitude of issues that fall under community living. However, in the past they have been willing to share some of their funds with other committees.
- C. There was minor discussion and then Kim asked for a motion to approve:
1. **Linda Kunick made the motion to give Outreach \$42,000.00 and Jane Byrnes seconded . Motion carried.**
  2. Bill Adelberger objected.
  3. Mike Schroeder abstained.
- D. Kim stated it has been suggested that Renee Wood be appointed as Special Advisor to Community Living Committee due to her expertise and the demand for her to sit on outside committees to represent Council. Kim asked for discussion and then she asked for a motion:
1. **Jeff Turner made the motion to appoint Renee Wood as Special Advisor to Community Living and Heather McFarland seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- E. The committee decided to meet Friday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to only discuss transportation. Staff will work out the details of that meeting.

## VIII. Adjournment

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

