

OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Employment Committee

May 4, 2017

Doubletree

Newark, Ohio

MEMBER

AnnMarie Denning, V-Chair
Kristen Helling
Vicki Jenkins
Karen Kerr
Linda Kunick
Lori Kershner
Heather McFarlin
Blaine O'Leary
James Plasencia
Jill Radler

PRESENT

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MEMBER

Mark Seifarth
Mark Smith
Jo Spargo
Marcia Straughter
Kimberly Stults
Jeffrey Turner
Mindy Vance
Dara Walburn
Brandon White
Sue Willis, Chair

PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Leslie Paull
Paul Jarvis
Carolyn Knight

SPECIAL ADVISOR

Tom Hess

OTHER COUNCIL

PRESENT
Doug Frank
Rochelle Hall-Rollins

GUESTS PRESENT

Deb Tackett
Essie Pederson
Betsy O'Leary
Beth Graham
Janet Callison
Ryan Wirth
Renee Wood

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve and expand opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to obtain and maintain employment in the community to the best of their ability.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Sue Willis, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A. Sue Willis asked for a motion to accept the March 2, 2017 Employment Committee minutes.

- 1. Jeff Turner moved to accept the minutes with a correction of changing APSI to APSE.**
- 2. James Plasencia seconded it.**
- 3. March 2, 2017 minutes were approved with corrections. Mindy Vance abstained.**

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Sue opened the floor for committee members to share any announcements they may have. Below are the announcements that were provided:

1. Brandon White and Marci Straughter both provided information on their APSE presentation.
2. OOTF has an Open House on August 2, 2017 from 12-2
3. Marci Straughter spoke at the Columbus City Council.

IV. EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

A. Members heard a presentation on the Employer Engagement project from Janet Callison and Ryan Wirth with Best Buddies, Ohio. The PowerPoint is attached or available upon request.

1. We are hoping 50 employers will attend the event.
2. Members discussed sending announcement to county boards, OPRA, and BLN to reach employers.

V. 2018 STATE PLAN LANGUAGE UPDATE

A. Members reviewed the 2018 State Plan Language updates for the following projects: Employer Engagement, Employment Demonstration/ JobCom, and Realizing Employment First for Youth: Evidence Based Practices and Predictors of Adult Success

- 1. James Plasencia made a motion to approve as written the 2018 State Plan Language Updates for the following projects: Employer Engagement, Employment Demonstration/ JobCom, and Realizing Employment First for Youth: Evidence Based Practices and Predictors of Adult Success.**
- 2. Brandon White seconded it.**
- 3. All agreed. Motion passed.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Members with disabilities shared their employment experiences. Marci Straughter described her certification and current job. Dara Walburn and Blaine O'Leary will share at the next meeting in July.
- B. Sue Willis provided information on the new Plain Language subcommittee. The first meeting will be July 12, 2017 at 6pm.
- C. Kristen Helling provided an OOD update. OOD staff has contacted over 6,600 people receiving subminimum wage out of the 11,000 in Ohio and provided them information on services available from OOD. So far only 1% of those individuals have sought out career counseling.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Sue Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim Stults moved to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.