

OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Executive Committee

April 11, 2018

Ohio DD Council Conference Room 3rd Floor
899 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present: Marcella 'Marci' Straughter, Vice Chair, Sue Willis and Victor Wilson **via conference call:** Joanna 'Jo' Spargo, Chair, Karen Kerr and James Plasencia, Secretary **Guest:** Billie McAleer **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Carla Cox, Paul Jarvis and Robin Shipp

Call to Order and Introductions

Marci Straughter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and asked for introductions.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve funding for Diane Cox, Council member, to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.

Vice Chairperson, Straughter asked Paul Jarvis, Council Staff, to provide details. Paul began the discussion stating that Diane Cox initially wanted to apply to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in September, but because her term has officially ended and she was uncertain when her new appointment would be made, she chose not to apply.

However, because she is a strong advocate for people with disabilities she decided to attend at her own expense to advocate on behalf of the Ohio DD Council. Diane informed Carolyn Knight, Executive Director and Paul that she had planned to attend. Carolyn Knight stated that because she was still a Council member and does an excellent job advocating with legislators in Washington, DC that Council should pay for Diane's expenses while she attends this Seminar on behalf of Council.

Paul then informed the committee that in order to pay for Diane's expenses, approval from the Executive Committee must occur prior to incurred expenses. That timeline is the need for an emergency meeting and a vote approving funding for Diane's expenses to attend the Seminar.

Sue Willis asked what would be the amount necessary for approval? Paul answered, approximately \$2,500. Jo Spargo, Chair then commended Carolyn for the decision to have Diane's expenses considered for reimbursement by Council.

After discussion, Victor Wilson **moved** to approve funding for Diane Cox to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC, James Plasencia seconded. Paul indicated that a roll call vote would be required. Carla Cox, performed the roll call, a unanimous vote was received, **motion** passed.

Vice Chairperson, Straughter, then asked the committee if there was anything else to discuss. Carolyn Knight mentioned to the committee that she had arranged for Ali Rahimi, of Med for All to present at the May Council meeting. She briefly discussed what his presentation would entail and how helpful it would be for people with disabilities and their quality of life.

Vice Chairperson, Straughter then asked for a motion to adjourn. Victor Wilson **moved** to adjourn.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.