

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee – Continuation Grant Reviews**

November 2, 2017

ODDC Offices, 3rd Fl. Conference Rm. – 899 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present: Mark Seifarth, Chair, Paula Rabidoux, Karen Kerr, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Sue Willis, **via telephone conference:** Joanna ‘Jo’ Spargo, Vice Chair **Committee Members Absent:** Jeffrey Turner and Heather McFarlin **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Paul Jarvis, Carla Cox, Kim Crishbaum, Kay Treanor, Leslie Paull, Kenneth Latham, Fatica Ayers, Gary Groom and Robin Shipp **Guest Present:** Nikki Robinson, PCA for Marci Straughter

Chairman Mark Seifarth called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Fatica Ayers, Council staff, briefly provided a summary of the Continuation Grant process. After her presentation, Chairman Seifarth proceeded with the Continuation Grant approval process and stated he would begin by following the grant review schedule.

Public Policy

General Assembly Briefing Sessions, \$40,000 – Colby & Colby, grantee. Paul Jarvis presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. He briefly stated that the grant was going very well and the briefing sessions quite successful; however, the grantee had difficulty with completing his periodic reports. Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

Assistive Technology/Communication

Communication to Increase Public Awareness for People with Developmental Disabilities, \$60,000 – O’Neill Public Relations, Inc., grantee. Carla Cox presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. She briefly stated how staff was pleased with the success of the grant. The social media activity has provided positive exposure of Council. During discussion, Carla added that the

grantee has been involved covering a few project events as well as writing press releases. Sue Willis asked if Council members would receive such press releases. Carla and Kim Crishbaum informed Sue that Council members were receiving the press releases through the Constant Contact feature. Kim stated that she may not be familiar with the format, but would assist her if needed. Chairman Seifarth then asked Carla about her 'no' response to the un/underserved question on the checklist. Carla explained that the grantee needed to be reminded to refer to their original workplan to address their strategies indicated. Gary Groom indicated that there were no fiscal conditions, and Carla said that she would request more information on the un/underserved question as a condition. After discussion, Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Children/Health

Better Child Care for the Student with Developmental Disabilities, \$50,000 – University of Toledo, grantee. Kay Treanor presented to the committee the continuation grant review and Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Marci Straughter seconded, **motion** passed.

Family Support in Early Intervention, \$100,000 – OACBDD, grantee. Kay Treanor presented to the committee the continuation grant review. She briefly discussed the pilot project the grantee established and how successful it was. Kay added that she had no program conditions. Robin Shipp then provided the fiscal conditions. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Healthy Lifestyles for People with Disabilities, \$103,000 – Cincinnati Children's Hospital, grantee. Kay presented to the committee the continuation grant review. She briefly discussed the collaboration of Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Project Search. Sue Willis asked if the grantee would consider working with other entities, such as, Project STIR. Kay answered, they may consider others if things do not work out with Project Search. Robin Shipp then provided the fiscal conditions. After discussion, Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Employment

Realizing Employment First for Youth: Evidence Based Practices and

Predicators of Adult Success, \$85,000 - Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Leslie briefly discussed how well the grantee was doing with data collection and use of their resources. She was very pleased and did not have any program conditions. Gary Groom stated he too had no fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant for continuation. Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

Employment Demonstrations/JobCom, \$40,000 - Goodwill Easter Seals of Miami Valley, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review and Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Employer Engagement, \$65,000 – Best Buddies International, Inc., grantee. Leslie presented to the committee the continuation grant for review and Gary Groom provide fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Marci Straughter seconded, **motion** passed.

Outreach

Expanding the Amish Community Project, \$50,000 - DDC Clinic Center for Special Needs Children, grantee. Kenneth Latham presented to the committee the continuation grant. He stated he was very pleased with the progress of the grant. Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Jo Spargo seconded, **motion** passed.

Bridging the Gap – ReachOut e-Diversity Newsletter, \$25,000 – Outcome Management Group, grantee. Kenneth Latham presented to the committee the continuation grant. Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Paula Rabidoux stated that she noticed the grantees seem to have problems with the budget section of the applications. She asked if training was needed? Gary Groom answered that the NOFA did not emphasize the need for the grantee to submit a budget justification as directed in the Grantee Guidelines when

completing the budget section of the application; thus, many grantees omitted. However, he stated that fiscal will be certain to include this information next year.

Sustaining the Triple Jeopardy Statewide Network, \$25,000 - Cassandra Archie, grantee. Ken presented to the committee the continuation grant. Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Ken briefly discussed that the grantee was collaborating with Rochelle Rollins, Council member, to start a Triple Jeopardy program in Lucas County. After discussion, Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Paula Rabidoux seconded, **motion** passed. Sue Willis abstained.

Leadership

Empowering Self-Advocates/Best Buddies, Inc., 28,000 – Best Buddies, International, Inc, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant. Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Paula Rabidoux seconded, **motion** passed.

Empowering Self-Advocates/Services for Independent Living, 31,000 – Services for Independent Living (SIL), grantee. Leslie presented to the committee the continuation grant. Gary Groom had no fiscal conditions. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant for continuation. Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

Empowering Self-Advocates/Ohio Self Determination Association 44,000 – Best Buddies, International, Inc, grantee. Leslie presented to the committee the continuation grant. Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed. Marci Straughter abstained.

Community Living

Strengthening the Voices of Direct Support Professionals, \$25,000 – Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Jo Spargo seconded, **motion** passed.

Maximizing Resources and Changing Public Policy for Housing for Adults with Disabilities, \$100,000 – Wild River Consulting, Inc., grantee. Fatica Ayers

presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Gary Groom had no fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant for continuation. Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

Hashtag Support for Aging Caregivers#, \$50,000 – Hamilton County DD Services, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. During review, Chairman Seifarth notice information was missing on the checklist and asked Fatica for further information which she provided. After discussion, Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Paula Rabidoux seconded, **motion** passed.

Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for People with Disabilities Anytime, \$109,000 - Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review and Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated. Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

Partnership for Housing for People with Disabilities, \$50,000 - Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review and Gary Groom provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chairman Seifarth **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated. Marci Straughter seconded, **motion** passed.

Evaluation Forms

Fatica informed the Executive Committee that Carla created new evaluation forms that can be completed online and that she sent them to the committee prior to the meeting. Fatica stated that for those that would like to complete their evaluation before they left, she had hard copies available.

Adjournment

Chairman Seifarth then requested for a motion to adjourn.

Paula Rabidoux **moved** to adjourn at 12:53 a.m., Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.