

Public Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 2, 2014

9:15-10:45 a.m.

- I. Call to Order (9:15 – 9:20)
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Approval of December 13, 2013 Minutes

- II. Old Business (9:20-9:45)
 - A. Legislative Update
 - i) House Bill 333
 - ii) House Bill 286
 - iii) Other Bills (MBR, Hang-tags)
 - B. DD Awareness & Advocacy Day

- III. New Business (9:45 – 10:45)
 - A. Workforce Study – State Plan Amendment
 - B. My Health Watcher – Presentation
 - C. Supports Intensity Scale Project – Presentation

- IV. Announcements (Time Permitting)

- V. Adjournment (10:45)

Public Policy Committee Minutes
Hyatt Regency, Columbus
Columbus, Ohio
September 13, 2013
9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Members Present:

X	Diane Cox, Chair		
X	Mark Seifarth, Vice Chair		
X	Bill Adelsberger		Heather Miller
X	Jane Byrnes	X	Paula Rabidoux
X	Neil Castilow		Roxanne Richardson
X	Margaret Demko		Ilka Riddle
	Greg Dormer	X	Michael Schroeder
	Helen Dunlap	X	Mark Smith
X	Jessica Foster	X	Mary Spahia-Carducci
X	Mark Greenblatt	X	Kim Stultz
X	Kristie Hutchison - Ramsey	X	Renee Wood
X	Laura Leach		

Other Council Members/Guests Present:

Geoff Collver (DRO)	Ellen Jones
Matt Dole (Communications Counsel)	Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio)
Barry Jamieson (GRC)	Kara Ayers (Cincinnati Childrens)

Staff:

Paul Jarvis	Kimberly McConnell
Carolyn Knight	Gary Groom

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Cox called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Introductions were offered.

Minutes:

A quorum being present, Chairwoman Cox called for approval of the minutes. Laura Leach made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Jane Byrnes seconded the motion. There was no discussion of the minutes as drafted. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Mary Spahia-Carducci, Bill Adelsberger and Mark Greenblatt abstained.

SMART Grant Update:

Matt Dole provided the committee with an update on the grant's activities, stating they have provided trainings during the Arc of Ohio's Legislative Day and during the Youth

Leadership Forum. He indicated that this grant is their organization's first experience with disability-related organizations, as the Communication Counsel's experience is in marketing and political communications. He said there is much they did not know about developmental disabilities. Over the past several months, the grantee has spent more time meeting with self-advocacy groups to learn more about how to communicate with them. Jane Byrne and Mark Seifarth commented on their approach to utilizing existing groups and not reinventing training. Matt also indicated that with the help of People First of Ohio, they would like to do a training for legislators and staff about how best to interact with people with disabilities.

Paul Jarvis asked Matt Dole to describe their plans for the coming DD Awareness and Advocacy Day related to prolonging the event throughout the month of March. Dole explained they do intend to do media follow ups throughout the month. Through that effort, Dole explained they plan to create additional materials that will help legislators understand the issues. Carolyn Knight and Neil Castilow commented about the continuing efforts that Chuck Beatty has made related to Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities.

Carolyn Knight and Paul Jarvis also gave an update on House Bill 255, which proposes to eliminate the MBIWD program. Knight said Council staff met with the bill's sponsor and he agreed the program was probably good, but still introduced the bill anyway. Paul Jarvis stated that all bills get at least one hearing if introduced by a certain date and that the bill did have sponsor testimony, where the sponsor said he learned more about MBIWD but he still introduced the bill to give taxpayers a seat at the table.

Paul Jarvis also informed the committee that the SMART Grantee, Data and Policy Research Grantee, and Council's Public Awareness grantee would be meeting with Director John Martin to discuss a media and marketing campaign related to the waiting list study.

Mark Greenblatt commented that there is a disconnect on the Public Policy Committee when talking about advocacy because only two self-advocates are present on the committee. He recommend the committee and staff work to get more individuals with disabilities included on the committee.

Data & Policy Research Grants Update:

Chairwoman Cox moved to the next item on the agenda, and update on the Data & Policy Research Grant.

Barry Jamieson provided the committee with an update on the Data & Policy Research Grant Projects. He stated the project on early intervention was now fully underway, with 27 counties expressing interest in participating in the study and 13 counties providing copies of Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs). Jessica Foster commented that she was excited to see the project results and believed it would give them a good tool to develop outcomes for IFSPs.

Barry Jamieson provided the committee with an update on the Waiting List study, providing background on how the study was developed, and handouts that included basic information regarding preliminary findings. He indicated the waiting list was more than 41,000 strong in June of 2013. They surveyed 1,131 by phone. Michael Schroeder asked what the demographic breakdown of the survey participants was. Jamieson outlined some of the demographics, pointing out that a majority of respondents was family members participating on behalf of their children with a developmental disability. Bill Adelsberger noted interest in having the geographic information and the age of the individuals.

Jane Byrnes, Paul Jarvis, Carolyn Knight and Barry Jamieson discussed the actual cost of serving all individuals on the waiting list and whether it would be included as part of the study. Michael Schroeder indicated mild disbelief that 42,000 was an accurate number because of individuals enrolling on the waiting list in multiple counties. Jamieson indicated that in fact the 41,000 number was an unduplicated count. Carolyn Knight stated the study would give policymakers real data related to how address the long waiting list and the resources needed to do it.

Jamieson reviewed charts and data that showed the stated current and future unmet needs of individuals who participated in the survey. Paula Rabidoux, Diane Cox, Margaret Demko, Bill Adelsberger, Neil Castilow and Margaret Demko participated in a discussion about the needs and future needs identified by the study. Bill Adelsberger also sought additional information related to how respite was included as a need. Jamieson responded it was not its own category of need, but included as part of the "Help with daily activities" category.

Chairwoman Cox asked Barry Jamieson to discuss their request for funds to do additional work on the waiting list study. Jamieson stated that they were seeking the funds to conduct additional analyses once the draft report is sent out to the stakeholders. Margaret Demko made a motion to approve the state plan amendment that would provide the Government Resource Center with an additional \$10,000 to conduct further analyses on the waiting list data. Kim Stultz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Michael Schroeder voted in the negative. There were no abstentions.

Paul Jarvis reminded the committee that the grantee had asked for additional funding to support projects stemming from the study related to the impact of the Affordable Care Act. The requests were discussed at the last Public Policy meeting, but were not considered because the Council was unsure of how much money would be available due to the pending budget negotiations. The requests were held over to the current meeting. Paul Jarvis stated the requests were not really related to public policy and might be better considered by the Children and Health Committee as projects to pursue. Margaret Demko, Bill Adelsberger and Mark Greenblatt discussed the merits of pursuing a project and which committee would be responsible for oversight of the requests. Chairwoman Cox asked if there was any objection to holding off on the plan amendments. No objection was stated.

DD Awareness & Advocacy Day Update:

Paul Jarvis provided an update to the committee, announcing that Save the Date cards had been printed and were available on the front desk. The Facebook page is being updated with information about the event and the plan is to do a large registration push once the winter holiday break was over. Registration is scheduled to close on February 14th to give the Legislative Advocacy Day Coordinator enough time to schedule the necessary legislative meetings. Jarvis stated that most of the speakers have been confirmed, except for a speaker on employment issues. Director John Martin will be the only speaker at the event who does not have a disability, which was a stated purpose of event planners. Planners are also planning on including a photo scavenger hunt that would encourage participants to get photos with their legislators to post to Facebook. He also stated that because there is not a meeting in March, members are encouraged to attend and they will be receiving the registration link before the first week of January.

National Disability Policy Seminar:

Chairwoman Cox moved on to new business and asked Paul Jarvis to discuss the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with a copy of the travel policy and indicated that in order to send members who are not the Chair of Council and the Chair of Public Policy Committee, the Committee and Council would need to vote to override the policy to allow other members to attend. He stated that the office received applications from Mark Greenblatt and Neil Castilow and that Mark Seifarth, as Vice-Chair of Public Policy also expressed interest in attending.

Margaret Demko made a motion to override the out-of-state travel policy and to allow Mark Greenblatt, Neil Castilow, and Mark Seifarth to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. Kim Stultz seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Mark Greenblatt, Mark Seifarth and Neil Castilow abstained.

Legislative Update:

Chairwoman Cox moved to the next item on the agenda. She asked Paul Jarvis to provide the committee with a legislative update. Paul Jarvis stated he had provided the committee with updates via e-mail on the status of House Bill 286, the teleconference bill for DD Council. He said Mark Seifarth and Mark Greenblatt deserved special thanks for serving as proponents during testimony in the House. Mark Seifarth commended Mark Greenblatt for adeptly requested to testify via video conference in front of the committee, demonstrating the technology that Council was seeking permission to use. The bill has passed out of the committee and now needs to go through the Ohio Senate.

Jarvis also provided the committee with an update on Senate Bill 206, which creates the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. The new committee will receive reports and updates from the director of Medicaid. The bill also imposes controls on the growth in Medicaid spending based on a new formula designed to limit the aggregate per-member, per-month cost, and includes a provision promoting the inclusion and growth of home and community based service waivers. The bill also states the director of Medicaid

cannot alter eligibility for Medicaid programs, but should work towards ways to get Medicaid-eligible individuals to participate in the healthcare marketplace. Bill Adelsberger asked what the percentage of the state budget is Medicaid. He indicated he thought it was 47% and expressed frustration for abuses when there are people on a waiting list for services. Michael Schroeder, Mary Spahia-Carducci commented on abuse.

Lastly, Jarvis provided an update on House Bill 333, stating the bill would require anyone who wished to file a lawsuit for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act to first provide notice of the potential violation to a business and provides the business with a period of time to try and rectify the violation. Mary Spahia-Carducci commented that she was concerned about trial attorneys who seek out these problems as a way to make money. Jarvis said the bill has had one hearing and he will keep the committee updated and that Disability Rights Ohio would likely pursue a legal response to the bill should it pass.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Cox called for a motion to adjourn. Bill Adelsberger made a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion carried. The committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.