

Public Policy Committee Minutes
Doubletree Hotel
Newark, Ohio
March 4, 2016
9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Members Present:

X	Diane Cox, Chair		
	Jo Spargo, Vice Chair		
	Bill Adelsberger	X	Jill Radler
	Jye Breckenridge	X	Roxanne Richardson
X	Jane Byrnes		Ilka Riddle
X	Neil Castilow	X	Mark Seifarth
X	Ann Marie Denning	X	Mark Smith
	Greg Dormer	X	Kim Stults
X	Karen Kerr	X	Jeff Turner
X	Lori Kershner	X	Mindy Vance
X	Laura Leach	X	Brandon White
X	Heather McFarlin	X	Sue Willis
X	James Plasencia	X	Victor Wilson
X	Paula Rabidoux		

Other Council Members/Guests Present:

Rochelle Hall-Rawlins	Elli Walburn
Blaine O-Leary	Jeff Cody
Dara Walburn	Sandy Williams
Brenda Stevens	Sheryl Strong

Staff:

Paul Jarvis
Carolyn Knight

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Cox called the committee to order at 9:15 a.m. Introductions were offered.

Minutes:

Chairwoman Cox called for approval of the minutes. Karen Kerr moved the minutes be approved as drafted. Neil Castilow seconded the motion. No discussion was offered. Without objection the minutes were adopted as drafted. There were no abstentions.

State Plan Language:

Chairwoman Cox moved to the first item on the agenda and asked the committee to review the documents that have been distributed regarding performance measures. Paul Jarvis reviewed each of the varying performance measures for each project, indicating that the federal granting agency was requiring new measures that included how individuals react to project activities after the project is finished. Jarvis said for now, the measures included are an educated guess because the Council does not know how to track or measure the outcomes desired.

One challenge identified by the new measures included how to identify what people do after participating in a Council grant. Jarvis explained some of the measures required identifying how many individuals join an advocacy group after participating in a Council grant project. Jarvis said this measurement is very difficult to identify but that it would be the responsibility of each grantee to track.

Carolyn Knight, Sue Willis, Lori Kershner, Mark Smith and Mindy Vance offered questions, comments and suggestions on the issue of performance measures. The discussion included looking at the scoring system a private company has for legislative outcomes, using survey monkey and other post-event tools to gain the measures, and to invite Helen-Anne Sweeney to discuss how the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services collects longitudinal data.

Chairwoman Cox asked the committee if they would like to do anything with the proposal today. With no motions to accept or discuss, she asked the committee to hold on to the performance measure proposals and if any of the members had additions or changes to the proposal to contact her or Paul Jarvis. The performance measures as proposed will be included in the draft plan language for Council to vote on in July. Jarvis provided the committee with more information on how many people intend to meet with their legislators, where participants live, who the speakers at the event will be and what subjects they will cover, and what security measures participants will experience while participating at the Statehouse.

New Issues:

Chairwoman Cox moved to the next item on the agenda, an update on the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day event. Paul Jarvis presented to the committee information about the year's event. He reviewed the efforts of the grantee to reach counties that have not historically participated and how quickly registration filled up this year. He reviewed the amount of co-sponsor dollars that were generated through this year's event.

Carolyn Knight, Diane Cox, Sue Willis, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Lori Kershner, Neil Castilow, Kim Stults, Heather McFarlin, Roxanne Richardson, Dara Walburn participated in the discussion on the event. Knight indicated she would work with the grantee next year to secure additional funding. Hall-Rollins discussed concerns that folks from Lucas County had with the event. Kershner, Castilow and Stults discussed the issue of legislative participation and how to get folks from different districts. Richardson added

that she has been working with a law firm about the differences between special needs trusts and ABLE accounts and would like to invite them to the next meeting.

Jarvis said looking forward, the Council will be selecting a new grantee because it is a new Five-Year Plan. The Council will want to ensure that any grantee selected takes into consideration the challenges the project has experienced to date and the committee may want to provide guidance on certain issues. For example, the current planning committee for the event is already discussing moving the event to a new location to accommodate more participants. Jarvis said challenges might be addressed through changing registration to an application process rather than an open registration, moving the starting time to earlier in the morning, or changing the way participants engage in the awareness part of the program versus the legislative participation part of the program by offering live streaming.

Mark Seifarth, Brandon White, Diane Cox, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Kim Stults, Paula Rabidoux, Mindy Vance, Jill Radler, and Sue Willis discussed the issues of whether to change the venue, switch to a live stream, how to improve access to legislators, how to gain sponsorship dollars, whether to change the date of the event or have more than one event per year. Jarvis said all of the input he has received by the committee will be useful in instructing potential applicants at the Bidder's Conference.

Grant Review Panels:

Chairwoman Cox asked the committee if there was any objection to switching the last two agenda items. With no objection, she moved to the issue of grant review panels. Paul Jarvis outlined the grant review process for the committee and asked for volunteers to serve on each panel. Mindy Vance, Jim Plasencia, Jeff Turner, Sue Willis, Neil Castilow, Karen Kerr, Victor Wilson, Lori Kershner, and Jill Radler volunteered. Mindy Vance requested to serve on the Data and Policy Research Grant panel. Jarvis said he would draw names and inform the members.

Legislative Update:

Chairwoman Cox asked Paul Jarvis to give the committee a legislative update. Jarvis announced that he is sending out weekly updates on a regular basis now, so most of the bills should be familiar to the committee. He provided a description and update on HCR 21, SB 130, HB 158, HB 365, HB 358, and HCR 32. Jarvis also provided the committee with a brief outline of the Department of Developmental Disabilities' Mid-Biennium Review. He stated two of the major policy changes included making DODD the lead agency for Part C Early Intervention service and changes to the health related tasks that can be delegated by a nurse.

Kim Stults, Diane Cox, Mark Smith, Laura Leach, Neil Castilow, and Rochelle Hall-Rollins expanded on the discussion related to delegated nursing, explaining the health related tasks were more involved than advertised but the authority rests with each nurse

to make the decision whether to delegate those tasks. The committee also discussed liability issues related with a decision to delegate a health-related task.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the committee, Brandon White made a motion to adjourn. Heather McFarlin seconded the motion. Without objection, the committee adjourned at 10:52 a.m.