

Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, May 6, 2016
 Doubletree Hotel Newark
 50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, OH



Attendance: Kim Stults (Vice-Chair), Marcella Straughter, (Secretary) Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Jane Byrnes, Neil Castilow, AnnMarie Denning, Karen Kerr, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Heather McFarland, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Roxanne Richardson, Ilka Riddle, Joanna Spargo, Jeffrey Turner, Mindy Vance, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Susan Willis, Victor Wilson, Robert Shuemak (Special Advisor) and Renee Wood (Special Advisor), **Via Telephone:** Mark Seifarth (Chair)

Guests: Robinet Smith, Dawn Brunkalla, Essie Pederson, Brenda Stevens, Betsy O’Leary, Deborah Tackett, Elly Walburn, Sandi Williamson, Sonja Marchant, Donna Lowe, Julie Hance (OOD), Laurel Geist, Jacob Foskhul, Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio), Logan Philipps (Resch & Root, LLC)

Staff: Fatica Ayers, Carla Cox, Kim Crishbaum, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis, Kenneth Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp, Kay Treanor

The meeting was called to order at 12:44p by Chairperson Kim Stults.

Topic **Discussion Items**
Action Needed

<u>Introductions</u> :	Vice Chairperson Stults ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<u>Minutes:</u>	Vice Chairperson Stults asked for motion to approve the March 4, 2016 minutes. Victor Wilson moved to approve the minutes, Jeffrey Turner seconded, motion passed. Ilka Riddle and Jo Spargo abstained. The minutes were approved as written with no objections.	
<u>Vice Chairperson Stult’s Message:</u>	Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chairperson Stults spoke strongly about collaboration. She noted the collaboration that occurred amongst 	

	<p>the committees as a whole, and mentioned specifically the outreach of collaboration between Public Policy and AT/Communication Committees during Friday morning’s Public Policy Committee meeting. Vice Chairperson Stults spoke of the collaboration reaching Council’s partners and also outreach to Washington and to local legislators to impact legislation that will in turn impact our communities. She stated that the DD Council stands for inclusion and is making an effort to include everyone so that everyone can participate in making a community; where everyone is—just is a community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chairperson Stults stated that before she would begin with Committee Reports, she allowed time for Roxanne Richardson to make an announcement. Roxanne announced that she would be leaving DODD effective May 26, 2016. She praised Council for all that she has learned and the great things that has transpired while being on Council. Roxanne then introduced Ms. Laurel Geist who is her replacement at DODD. <p>Vice Chairperson Stults then turned the meeting over for committee reports. She stated that to continue the precedence of Council Chairman Seifarth, she would like Committee Chairs to please take two minutes to report activity of their committees even if they do not have an action item.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p>	<p>Leadership Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported: He stated Leadership Development had no action items. • Jeff spoke briefly about the 	

presentation about Advocacy United and the Marriage Penalty issue that was conducted by Diana Mairose, Chair of Advocacy United and Renee Wood, Chair of OOTF and Advocacy United member.

- Vice Chairperson Stults asked Jeff if he would share his good news with Full Council. Jeff informed Council that he applied to become a board member with the Crawford County Board and was appointed to a board position.

Outreach Committee

- Paula Rabidoux, Committee Chair reported. She stated Outreach did have one action item. Since the last time Outreach met, a Taskforce was formed to discuss how Outreach could be included in the Policies and Bylaws so that all the work that was developed with Outreach within the last 10 years would remain in the future. In addition, now that Outreach is a standing committee, its language should be uniform as with all the Council committees. Therefore revisions were made to the current Outreach Mission Statement and a new Position Statement was developed by the Taskforce to be approved by Council. A **motion** was made to approve the Mission Statement as revised and the new Position Statement as written. The vote was taken and **motion** passed.
- Paula also briefly informed Council of the outstanding presentation they had from Dr. Heng Wang, Medical Director and Blake Andres, Executive Director of the Amish Community Project, DDC Clinic. The presentation informed the committee of the phenomenal work

they are doing in the Amish community.

Children and Health Committee

- Neil Castilow, Committee Chair reported. He stated Children and Health did not have any action items. They did have a presentation by the OCALI Autism Certification Center. They spoke about a new video that is found on their website at: www.ocali.org that shows different scenarios of communication and the use of key words that are significant when dealing with a person with autism.

Community Living Committee

- Heather McFarlin, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had no action items.
- Heather briefly spoke about the presentation made to the committee regarding community housing. Ernie Fischer, Project Manager, DODD, Division of Residential Services, introduced, Theodore “Ted” Jones, the new Community Housing Manager, to the Committee members and informed them of his responsibilities and how he will work with Council. During discussion Dara Walburn mentioned that she was impressed with the overall presentation and felt there were many things she did not understand. Carolyn Knight added that there are many changes taking place with this process because of the expansion into the public housing arena. She added that Ted Jones was hired because of his background in public housing and will work to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible.

Executive Committee

- Carolyn Knight then proceeded to discuss the Discretionary Fund requests.
- Services for Independent Living (SIL) - Kathy Foley, staff person will be organizing a statewide transportation forum that will determine what can be done about transportation needs for people with disabilities. This forum, by invitation only, will be made up of stakeholder groups impacted by transportation issues, to identify ways to bring about needed change in our communities across Ohio. The forum is scheduled to be held on October 6, 2016. SIL requested \$9,033. Neil Castilow **moved** to approve the Services for Independent Living request for \$9,033, Victor Wilson seconded, **motion** passed.
- Bringing Good Life Training to Self-Advocates and their Partners, organized by MEORC, a Council of Government. They are requesting \$15,000 to support training costs for a 6 person core team that will work together to ensure the 3-pronged approach of PCT, TIC and Good Life which will be incorporated in trainings for self-advocates and their partners. Jeff Turner **moved** to approve the Bringing Good Life Training to Self-Advocates and their Partners request for \$15,000, James Placensia seconded, **motion** passed.
- Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP's), Bethany Toledo, requested \$5,000 to cover expenses for three students and an instructor to travel to Washington, DC

for a program run by a non-profit group called "Close Up." This request stems from a collaboration of the OADSP and the Ohio Provider Resource Association. Jeff Turner **moved** to approve the OADSP's request for \$5,000, Mindy Vance seconded, **motion** passed.

Carolyn then informed Council that the Federal Commissioner, Aaron Bishop, wants to have a joint meeting with the Independent Living Centers (ILC) and Ohio DD Council in July. She stated that full Council will only be meeting on Thursday and no committee meetings will take place. Both the ILC and Council will have a short business meeting on Thursday morning and presentations will be made for the Commissioner's benefit during the rest of the day. Carolyn added that the Commissioner would like for Council to feel free to ask him any questions. During discussion, Neil Castilow asked Carolyn if she would send some information out to members once she knows more information prior to the July meeting, and she assured him she would do so.

Employment Committee

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair reported. She stated they had no action items.
- Sue informed Council that the committee had a speaker, Scott Marks, OACB, who is managing a new project called Employment Navigation project that is being funded by DODD. She stated the project is really new and the committee requested they come back again to present and provide updates and/or status of the project. Sue then provided her interpretation of the intent of the project. She stated essentially the Employment Navigation

Carolyn Knight to send out more information regarding the July meeting once it is available.

project is dividing the state in four quadrants and assigning managers to each. Three have already been assigned. Scott Marks will be the manager over all the quadrants. The goal is to train SSA's in each quadrant to find in their communities the resources and tools to help people find jobs.

Public Policy Committee

- Joanna Spargo, Committee Vice Chair reported. She stated they had no action items.
- Joanna spoke briefly about the success of the Legislative Advocacy Day held on March 8, 2016, as well as the success of the 2016 Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. She stated that the committee had the opportunity to send seven Council members this year. Joanna also informed Council that since they did not have time to determine any research topics for this year, the committee decided to transfer the \$50,000 for one year from the Data and Policy Research Grant to the AT/Communication Committee for use.

Assistive Technology/Communication

- Kim Stults, Vice Chair reported. She stated they had no action items.
- Kim noted there was a brief discussion of the \$50,000 funds received from the Public Policy Committee.
- Kim summarized briefly the two presentations that were made, one from Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) and the other from AT Ohio. Alison McKay, DRO clarified DRO's role explaining that law suits and legislation are only a portion of what they do. DRO also provides support with AT needs,

	<p>intervenes and negotiates efforts to eliminate a law suit from actually happening. They assist with ADA issues with landlords, assisting people to acquire certain AT needs. They also provide education, specifically in the areas of seclusion, restraint and disciplinary intervention. Bill Darling, AT Ohio, presented regarding the services provided by his organization. He also brought several AT devices that included: a laser keyboard, a devise that shows how to do sign language and a device that identifies colors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Crishbaum, Staff, then reminded the group about a State Plan Amendment to Create a Task Force for AT using the remainder of the funds from a previous grantee, OSILC. The intent is for OSILC to form a task force that will assess Ohio’s statewide AT resources. This will be a continuation from the previous grant and no additional funds will be needed. A motion was made to approve the State Plan Amendment to Create a Task Force for AT. The vote was taken and motion passed. <p>Nominating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chairperson Stults asked Carla Cox, Staff if there was anything for the Nominating Committee. Carla answered, that there was no report at this time. <p>Vice Chairperson Stults then proceeded with the next item on the agenda. She then asked Roxanne Richardson to introduce Logan K. Philipps, Esq., Resch and Root, LLC., from Columbus, Ohio.</p>	
ABLE	Attorney Philipps proceeded with his	

<p><u>Accounts:</u></p>	<p>presentation on ABLÉ Accounts, Special Needs Trusts and Qualified Income Trusts aka Miller Trusts.</p> <p>Attorney Philipps provided an outstanding presentation in which many Council members were engaged and requested his contact information when he was finished. He gave Carla Cox the contact information he had with him and promised to provide her with additional copies so she can mail them out to Council members after the meeting.</p>	<p>Carla Cox is to send out contact information from Logan Philipps, Esq. to Council members.</p>
<p><u>2017-2021 State Plan Update:</u> Fatica Ayers</p>	<p>Fatica Ayers provided a brief summary of the state plan process to date. This was to update the new members on the process as well as inform them of the new additional steps that were added nationally for the plan.</p> <p>Fatica spoke about the Bidder’s Conference and explained its purpose. The Bidder’s Conferences are held in Columbus and the Appalachia areas and are available to allow those who are interested in bidding on a particular grant the opportunity to find out more about that grant. It also provides information about the step by step process, from applying through the DD Suites Database to the Grant Reviews and final processing of NOFA’s.</p> <p>She informed Council that we will continue working until after the Grant Reviews in November. In January or February 2017, we will conduct a Grantee Orientation.</p>	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindy Vance shared with Council a book called “<i>Evicted</i>” by Matthew Desmond. She informed Council that if they wanted to know more about public housing this book is very interesting and provides solid scenarios of housing issues. She recommended it 	

	<p>to Council members as a good read on housing.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson Stults asked Carolyn if she had anything for her Executive Director Report.</p>	
<p><u>Executive Director Report:</u></p>	<p>Carolyn reiterated what Fatica said by ensuring Council members that all the work will be done, as we always do. She also added that once we have more details about the July meeting we would be sure to send it out to Council.</p> <p>Chairman Mark Seifarth spoke briefly of how pleased and honored he was to have the Commissioner join Council at the July meeting.</p>	

Vice Chairperson Stults requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Plasencia **moved** to adjourn, Heather McFarlin seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:37 p. m.

Next meeting is July 14, 2016, at Doubletree Hotel Newark, Newark, OH 43055.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Carla Cox

Kimberly Stults, Vice Chair

Marcella Straughter, Secretary