

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, May 4, 2018
 Doubletree Hotel - Newark
 50 N. 2nd St., Newark, OH 43055**



Attendance: Joanna Spargo (Chair), Vacant (Vice-Chair), James Plasencia (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Brenda Brandon, Bobbie Burke, Diane Cox, Michael Denlinger II, Morgan Gattermeyer, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Emilia Jackson, Vicki Jenkins, Shannon Komisarek, Heather McFarlin, Blaine O’Leary, Benjamin Pesich, Paula Rabidoux, Rhonda Rich, Michael Richards, Mike Schroeder, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Sue Willis, Victor Wilson and Renee Wood

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Guests: Theresa Berner, Christine Brown, Carmen Digiovine, Beth Graham, Ashley Janson, Sam Logulo, Donna Lowe, Billie McAleerb, Jeremy Morris, Betsy O’Leary, Marie Perner, Devika Rao, Ali Rahimi, Eric Rathburn, Patti Ruble, Jenny Schulz, Julia Sims, Brenda Stevens, Katie Wagner

Staff: Fatica Ayers, Carla Cox, Kim Crishbaum, Gilbrina Dillon, Kenneth Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp, Kay Treanor

The meeting was called to order at 12:51p.m. by Chairman Joanna Spargo.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<u>Introductions:</u>	Joanna Spargo ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<u>Minutes:</u>	Chairman Spargo asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2018, minutes. James Plasencia moved to approve the minutes, Marcella Straughter seconded, motion passed. The minutes were approved as written with no changes.	
<u>Chairman’s Message:</u>	Chairman Spargo gave a report. She noted how impressed she was with the seven new	

	Council members and how happy we are to have them.	
<u>Presentation:</u>	Ali Rahimi of Med for All and Patti Ruble of Ohio at Home presented on “Technology in the Home”. They gave examples of how at home assistive technology works. Ms. Ruble explained how well the Amazon Echo Alexa and other at home devices can provide independence for people with disabilities at a very reasonable cost. Ali stated that he can work with people with developmental disabilities all over Ohio.	
<u>Committee Reports:</u>	<p>Leadership Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sue Willis gave their speaker Michael Ham accolades on his testimony of his life.• Leslie Paull provided a State Plan Amendment for the Taskforce for Advocacy for an additional \$25,000 to fund new Council publications. Michael Denlinger made a motion to approve the Task Force for Advocacy State Plan Amendment. Motion passed. <p>Outreach Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No action items. <p>Children & Health Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No action items.• The committee heard two presentations.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Andrea Witwer, PhD. from the Nisonger Center presented on the impact of the opioid epidemic on children with prenatal exposure. An online training on the subject will assist both professionals and families to be better informed on	

the subject.

- 2) Mark Smith from the Ohio Department of Education presented on advances to healthcare in schools. The new Ohio School-Based Health Care initiative seeks to create an accessible, connected community of caring adults around each student to keep them in class and learning.

Employment Committee

- No action items.
- Blaine O’Leary reported that the committee discussed new plan language to be added to the 2019 State Plan.

Community Living Committee

- No action items.
- Vicki Jenkins reported that Jessica Stroh provided an update on Council’s transportation project in Athens County. She shared the different types of transportation services available for people with developmental disabilities. Grantee for Athens OnDemand Transit has provided more than 41,000 rides since the beginning of the grant in 2012.
- The committee voted to approve the Community Living section of the 2019 State Plan Update. They also voted to include the transportation project for another year.

Public Policy Committee

- Dara Walburn, Committee Chair reported one action item:

1) House Bill 620 – a letter of opposition was signed on to by the committee. Motion to approve was given. Vote passed.

Technology & Communication Committee

- No action items.
- Victor Wilson, committee vice-chair reported that there were two speakers from OSU who presented a report on their Council funded technology project which is making excellent progress.

Announcements:

- Next Council Meeting date July 12-13, 2018
- Carla Cox reminded the Council Members about the annual schedule for the meetings so that everyone can plan on attending as far ahead as possible. She also reminded members their RSVP should be done as soon as possible to ensure room availability and to meet any other special accommodations needed.
- Carla Cox also reminded Council that the Financial Disclosure Statement must done by May 15, 2018 or there will be a late/non-compliance fee of \$250 assessed which **cannot** be paid by Council.
- Rochelle Hall-Rollins offered an invitation to Council members to sit in and/or consider joining the Children and Health Committee.
- Victor Wilson commented on the Implicit Bias handouts in the Council folders. He stated that he knew a

	<p>representative from the Attorney General’s Office who would come present and broaden our understanding of the subject if Council would like that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blaine O’Leary let the Council know that the presenter for Employment Committee for the July 12, 2018 will be Director Jeff Cody of Job Link from Shelby County. 	

Chairman Spargo requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brandon White **moved** to adjourn, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:22p.m.

Next meeting is July 12-13, 2018 at Crowne Plaza North – Worthington 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon

Joanna Spargo, Chair

James Plasencia, Secretary