

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, July 14, 2017
 Crowne Plaza North – Worthington
 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus OH 43229**



Attendance: Mark Seifarth (Chair), Joanna Spargo (Vice-Chair), Jeffrey Turner (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Bobbi Burke, Douglas Frank, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Kristen Helling, Jean Jakovlic, Emilia Jackson, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Linda Kunick, Laura Leach, Heather McFarlin Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Mike Schroeder, Mark Smith, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Kimberly Stults, Sue Willis, Mindy Vance, and Victor Wilson

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Guests: Jessica Guillozet, John Martin, Jeremy Morris, Betsy O’Leary, Essie Pederson, Devika Rao, Mark Smith(Aide), Robinet Smith, Brenda Stevens, and Debra Tackett

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Chairman Mark Seifarth.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<u>Introductions:</u>	Chairman Seifarth ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<u>Minutes:</u>	Chairman Seifarth asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2017, minutes. Joanna Spargo moved to approve the minutes, Douglas Frank seconded, motion passed. The minutes were approved as written with no objections. Bobbi Burke and Jean Jakovlic abstained.	
<u>Chairman’s Message:</u>	Discussed Renee Wood’s illness and sent cards around for the Council members to sign.	

<p><u>O’Neill</u> <u>Communications</u> <u>Devika Rao</u></p>	<p>Devika Rao presented on Outreach and Public Awareness of the Ohio DD Council (ODDC). She gave a presentation that showed how effective communication was through social media. Ms. Rao informed Council that she has updated the ODDC Facebook page and added a Twitter account. She explained that the ODDC Twitter account is taking off, but slowly due to the nature of how Twitter works. Ms. Rao will be working on e-newsletters, announcements, and press releases in the upcoming months. She plans to expand the email list to include all 88 counties. A Monthly Social Media calendar has been created that shows the scheduled posts that will be done on Facebook and Twitter for a particular month. The posts highlight ODDC, grantee activity and other disability related news. Ms. Rao plans to develop more original content from ODDC to display on online. She showed a sample of the e-newsletter and Council member spotlight videos with captioning, which was well received.</p>	
<p><u>Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities – Director John Martin</u></p> <p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p>	<p>Director John Martin spoke on the budget for developmental disabilities programs and services in Ohio. The following is the link for the budget: www.lsc.ohio.gov .</p> <p>Leadership Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported. Leslie Paull reported one action item: Plan Amendment to add People First (Fiscal Agent -Arc of Ohio) to the state plan for one year for \$25,000 to continue to build their chapters and hire people with disabilities to do this work. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the motion 	

requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. Mark Seifarth abstained.

Outreach Committee

- Mindy Vance, Committee Vice-Chair reported. No action items. OCALI received a grant and has conducted a fact findings session about assistive technology. She noted that several Council staff had taken the Implicit bias test and found the results surprising. Mindy stated that Ken Latham discussed results from the Leadership Academy for Cultural Diversity and Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Santa Fe, New Mexico, hosted by Georgetown University which he attended. Rochelle Hall-Rollins suggested that the Council members take the Implicit Bias tests. Ms. Knight stated that the link for it will be sent via email to Council members.

Children & Health Committee

- Karen Kerr Committee Chair reported. No action items. The committee heard a presentation from iDance, an adaptive performing arts center in Toledo, Ohio which focuses on a more healthy lifestyle and building relationships of those with developmental disabilities. The dance classes are scheduled and geared toward specific disabilities.

Employment Committee

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair, reported. The committee had a presentation from Stacey Collins who is with DODD. She gave a great update on

Employment First. In addition, Sue noted that she asked two members to talk about their employment experiences. Blaine O’Leary spoke on his employment experience and how it has helped him grow. He now helps others on the job advocate for themselves.

Community Living Committee

- Heather McFarlin, Committee Chair reported. No action items. Bob Laux gave a presentation on “It’s all about Housing”. Katie Schroeder who works for DODD as their Capital Housing Administrator reported she is in the process of filling a Housing Project Manager vacancy. This housing position is partially funded through a grant from the DD Council entitled: Partnership for Housing for People with Disabilities.

Executive Committee

- Ms. Carolyn Knight gave a synopsis of the meeting. The group approved a **\$5,000** discretionary fund request for the SIBS conference in November 2017.

Public Policy Committee

- Jo Spargo, Committee Chair reported. She spoke about the federal budget effort to merge DD Councils with Independent Living Centers and Traumatic Brain Injury Programs. She urged members to reach out to their legislators to let them know how important the DD Councils are and the work that they do.

	<p>AT/Communication Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Crishbaum reported for the AT/Communication Committee. She stated that they had one action item: • 1) Approval of Plan Language for a “Telehealth Services in Assistive Technology” grant. The objective of this grant is to evaluate the effectiveness of providing assistive technology services using telehealth technology. A motion made to approve the plan language for a one-year grant of \$70,000 for Telehealth Services in Assistive Technology. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second. A vote was taken, motion passed. No one abstained. • OCALI is looking for people with developmental disabilities who live in unserved and underserved areas to be a part of a focus group. Kim Crishbaum will provide OCALI’s information for anyone who would like to participate. 	
<p><u>Announcements:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group voted on the Council Meeting dates for 2018. Motion was made to approve by Sue Willis, and was seconded by James Plasencia. Motion was carried. No one abstained. • Ethics training reminder by Carla Cox. She also stated that she would email out the information as well. • Fatica Ayers reminded the group that the State Plan for the 2018 update needs approval. Motion was made to approve by Linda Kunick and was seconded by Kimberly Stults. Motion was carried. No one abstained. 	

Chairman Seifarth requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Rochelle Hall-Rollins **moved** to adjourn, Heather McFarlin seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Next meeting is Sept. 14-15, 2017 at Doubletree Hotel – Newark
50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, Ohio 43055

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon

Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

Jeffrey Turner, Secretary