

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)  
 Business Meeting  
 Friday, September 15, 2017  
 Doubletree Hotel - Newark  
 50 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Newark, OH 43055**



**Attendance:** Mark Seifarth (Chair), Joanna Spargo (Vice-Chair), Jeffrey Turner (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Diane Cox, Douglas Frank, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Kristen Helling, Emilia Jackson, Jean Jakovlic, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Linda Kunick, Lori Kershner, Laura Leach, Heather McFarlin, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Ilka Riddle, Mike Schroeder, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Kimberly Stults, Mindy Vance, Dara Walburn, Brandon White, Sue Willis and Victor Wilson

**GoToMeeting:** None

**Guests:** Christine Brown, Dawn Brunkalla, Douglas Jackson, Betsy O’Leary, Essie Pederson, Devika Rao, Wiley Roberts, Robinet Smith, Brenda Stevens, Debra Tackett, Anastasia Taylor, Laura Tucker and Elly Walburn

**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 12:27 p.m. by Chairman Mark Seifarth.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<b><u>Introductions:</u></b>	Chairman Seifarth ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<b><u>Minutes:</u></b>	Chairman Seifarth asked for a motion to approve the May 5, 2017, minutes. Joanna Spargo <b>moved</b> to approve the minutes, Douglas Frank seconded, <b>motion</b> passed. The minutes were approved as written with no objections. Bobbi Burke and Jean Jakovlic abstained.	
<b><u>Chairman’s Message:</u></b>	Mark Seifarth gave Diane Cox the floor to speak about her trip to Salt Lake City, Utah to the NACDD conference and to introduce the	

	<p>speaker Douglas Jackson from Stable Accounts with the office of the Ohio Treasurer.</p>	
<p><b><u>Ohio Treasurer Department - Stable Accounts Douglas Jackson</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Revolving Door Policy revision vote</u></b></p>	<p>Douglas Jackson spoke on the Stable Accounts services. Ohio is the first state to provide this service of a savings/investment plan for those receiving government monies (majority people receiving SSDI and SSI). This account can be managed online. The website for more information is <a href="http://www.stableaccount.com">www.stableaccount.com</a> .</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth asked for approval for revisions to Council’s Policy # 00-18 Revolving Door. He provided a brief summary of the policy and indicated there were temporary revisions that were requested by the Executive Committee with timelines.</p> <p>Chairman Seifarth read the current language of the policy and then included the proposed changes requested. The added language to the policy would include the following two bulleted points:</p> <p><b><i>*Except that Council members with developmental disabilities shall be permitted to accept payment for advocacy, training, or employment opportunities which contribute to their personal growth and development, as long as, such payment does not involve Council funds.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>*Any Council member with developmental disabilities who receives any form of non-Council dollars from a Council grantee must refrain from participating in any discussion or decision-making activities regarding that grantee.</i></b></p> <p>Council by-laws require that a 30-day notice</p>	

must be given to council members before a vote is taken on any by-laws changes. A **motion** was made to suspend that rule so that members could vote on the Revolving Door Policy changes which were being proposed. The motion passed with the 25 yes votes needed for passage. Vicki Jenkins abstained. A **motion** was then made to approve the addition of the two revisions proposed by Chairman Seifarth. A **motion** was made to add the proposed revisions to the Revolving Door policy to remain in effect through 12-31-17. A vote was taken and **motion** passed. Jeff Turner abstained and Marcella Straughter was absent.

**Nominating  
Committee**

Kim Stults, Chair provided a brief summary of the Nominating Committee's process when seeking new membership on Council. Chairperson Stults stated that the Nominating Committee is required to send two names to the Governor for consideration for each vacancy and reappointment. She informed Council that there was a total of 11 recommendations of vacancies / reappointments to approve and vote for submission to the Governor's Office. Chairperson Stults asked Council if they would prefer to vote on each recommendation provided separately or as a group? Council agreed to vote on the recommendations as presented by the Nominating Committee as a group. The recommendation was as follows:

- **Individual vacancies:** Douglas Frank - Matt Harrison and Paula Baker; Linda Kunick - Morgan Gattermeyer and Rachel Rice; Jeffrey Turner - Alice Messer and Brenda Brandon; Mark

Seifarth - Carolina Thomas and Michael Richards and AnnMarie Denning – Michael Denlinger and Michelle Boyles. **Parent vacancy:** Kimberly Stults – Karen DeRosa and Rhonda Rich. **Individual reappointment:** James Plasencia, Sonya Lepley alternate. **Parent reappointments:** Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Kimberly Mortiz, alternate; Jill Radler, Vashitta Johnson alternate; Victor Wilson, Adele Webb, alternate; Lori Kershner, Kari Sherwood alternate.

After discussion, Chair Stults asked for a motion to approve submission of the recommendations provided by the Nominating Committee. Council Chair Seifarth stated coming from committee it needs no second, a vote was taken and the **motion** passed.

Chair Stults then moved on to the Council Officers' elections. She explained that paper ballots will be used to vote and asked that everyone use the ballots within their folders. Carla Cox informed Council that in order for their votes to be valid, each ballot must have each Council member's name indicated on it and two names must be chosen. She stated that all ballots would be collected and read out loud. Sue Willis asked why the names had to be read out loud. Paul Jarvis explained that because of open meeting laws, secret voting is not permitted.

- Chair Stults then proceeded with the Vice Chair position and stated that the nominations received were: Marci Straughter and Joanna 'Jo' Spargo. Kim asked for nominations from the floor,

three times. No additional nominations were received. All ballots were collected and tallied. Marci Straughter received 15 votes and Jo Spargo received 9 votes. Marci received the highest number of votes and was appointed to Vice Chair. She will begin her new position in January 2018.

- For the secretary position, nominations received were: Sue Willis and James Plasencia. Kim asked for nominations from the floor, three times and Heather McFarlin nominated herself. No additional nominations were received. All ballots were collected and tallied. James Plasencia received 12 votes, Sue Willis received 11 votes and Heather McFarlin received 2 votes. James received the highest number of votes and was appointed to Secretary. He will begin his new position in January 2018.
- Chair Stults then proceeded with the Chair position. She explained that this position is appointed by the Governor and that the top two names would be submitted for consideration. Chair Stults stated that each candidate is required to make a five-minute presentation for the Chair position. The nominations received were: Jo Spargo, Karen Kerr and Victor Wilson. She then asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received.

Chair Stults then asked the candidates to make their presentations. After all

<p><b><u>Committee Reports:</u></b></p>	<p>presentations concluded, votes were completed, ballots were collected and tallied. Jo Spargo received 22 votes, Karen Kerr 16 votes and Victor Wilson 11 votes. The top two names that will be submitted for consideration are Joanna Spargo and Karen Kerr.</p> <p><b>Leadership Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Turner, Committee Chair reported. Presentation from Susan Berg. Leslie Paull reported two action items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Plan amendment to add plan language for Next Chapter Book Club to the 2017 State Plan with a cost of \$25,000 which will fund 25 clubs and 200 individual's participation. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the <b>motion</b> requires no second. A vote was taken, <b>motion</b> passed. Paula Rabidoux abstained.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outreach Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action items.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children &amp; Health Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Kerr Committee Chair reported that there is a need for more advocates on the committee. They have one action item: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Family Support in Early Intervention grantee, Project TREES, requested additional FY2017 funds of <b>\$1,500</b> for video conferencing equipment. This will allow 8 pilot county teams across the state to meet and collaborate at project meetings. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the <b>motion</b> requires no second. A vote was taken, <b>motion</b></li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Names for the Chair position will be sent to the Governor's Office for final appointment.</p>
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passed. No one abstained.

### **Employment Committee**

- Sue Willis, Committee Chair, reported. One action item:
  - 1) Plan amendment to add plan language to fund Southern State Community College- Adult Education Certification Program. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. No one abstained.

### **Community Living Committee**

- Heather McFarlin, Committee Chair reported. The group had a presentation on Best Practices for First Responders and Forensic Interviewers. One action item:
  - 1) Reappointed Renee Wood as the Special Advisor for Community Living Committee for 1 year. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. No one abstained.

### **Executive Committee**

- Carolyn Knight gave a synopsis of the meeting. One action item:
  - 1) The group approved a **\$2,000** discretionary fund request to the Self-Determination Association for the Synergy Conference 2017. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the **motion** requires no second. A vote was taken, **motion** passed. No one abstained.

## **Public Policy Committee**

- Jo Spargo, Committee Chair reported.

Three action items:

- 1) The Ability Center has requested support from Council to sign on to a letter informing Ohio's Congressional delegation about the impact HR 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act, would have on individuals with disabilities. Jo Spargo stated the motion comes from the committee and requires no second. A vote was taken and the motion passed. No one abstained.
- 2) House Bill 271 – The bill would do the same thing that HR 620 proposes at the federal level, but on a state level. Both state and federal bills would prohibit the filing of a lawsuit alleging a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act until the plaintiff has notified the business alleged to be violating the law and provided the business with an opportunity to eliminate the barrier or fix the violation. The Public Policy Committee voted to oppose House Bill 271. Jo Spargo stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second. A vote was taken, motion passed. No one abstained.
- 3) Washington D.C. Disability Seminar – The group voted to send additional members to the Disability Policy Seminar. In addition to Jo Spargo and Dara Walburn, the Chair and Vice-Chair of Public Policy, the committee recommended sending 5 others: Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Blaine O'Leary, Jean Jakovlic and Victor Wilson. Jo Spargo stated coming from the

<p><b><u>Announcements:</u></b></p>	<p>committee the motion requires no second. A vote was taken, motion passed. No one abstained.</p> <p><b>AT/Communication Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair, Victor Wilson reported for the AT/Communication Committee. He stated that they had one action item:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Committee requested a ‘No Cost Extension’ for Yocum Communications to complete outstanding projects through December 31, 2017. Chairman Seifarth stated coming from the committee the motion requires no second. A vote was taken, motion passed. No one abstained.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Vice Chairman Wilson read the new mission statement adopted for the "Communication" part of the AT/Communication Committee. It was written in clear language: “To educate all Ohioans about the options, choices, and disability issues that are important to people with developmental disabilities and their families.”</li> <li>• The group voted on the Council Meeting date change from March 1-2, 2018 to March 8-9, 2018. <b>Motion</b> was made to approve by Victor Wilson, and was seconded by Jeffrey Turner. <b>Motion</b> was carried. No one abstained.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics training reminder by Carla Cox to all those who have not completed it.</li> <li>• Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities Town Hall Meeting for Assistive Technology at the Delaware County Board of DD on October 20, 2017 from 12:30pm – 4:30pm.</li> <li>• Sue Willis announced that anyone could join the Clear Language</li> </ul>	

	<p>subcommittee. There will be one meeting per month. See Sue Willis and Leslie Paull to join or further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Seifarth discussed Council’s new Transportation study and told the group that he has been asked to come to Washington D.C. to speak about the study.</li> <li>• Linda Kunick talked about her artwork and urged people to come see it in Cincinnati, Ohio.</li> <li>• Dara Walburn wanted to let us know about her trip to Nashville, TN. She was able to make up a song and sing it with a country music artist.</li> <li>• Fatica Ayers reminded the Council to give out the Alphabet Soup Booklets and report to Gilbrina Dillon after you have passed them out. She also stated that the Council’s continuation Grant Review will be on November 2, 2017.</li> <li>• Blaine O’Leary spoke regarding his service as a part of the MUI Unit as they redefine what neglect really means.</li> </ul>	
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Chairman Seifarth requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Dara Walburn **moved** to adjourn, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Dec. 7-8, 2017 at Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square  
75 E. State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon

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Mark E. Seifarth, Chair

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Jeffrey Turner, Secretary