

**OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL  
CHILDREN AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**March 12, 2021  
GOTO Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

GEORGE, Jackie	X
HALL-ROLLINS, Michelle, Vice-Chair	
HARRISON, Matt	X
KRABILL, Bobbi	X
RABIDOUX, Paula	X
RADLER, Jill	
RICE, Rachel. Chair	X
RICH, Rhonda	
RIDDLE, Ilka	X
SMITH, Mark	X

**STAFF**

Carolyn Knight  
Rebecca Bates  
Gilbrina Dillon  
Fatica Ayers

**GUESTS**

Jodi Young  
John Banchy  
Annette Wood

Mandy Via

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Rachel Rice called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the roll call.

Paula Rabidoux made a motion to approve the minutes without objections. It was seconded by Jackie George. The minutes were approved without objections. There were two abstentions due to not attending the previous meeting by Rochelle Hall-Rollins and Bobbi Krabill.

### **Announcements**

- Rachel Rice announced that we are looking for Council members to sit on our grant review panels that will be held in August. Information can be provided to those that wish to volunteer.
- Rachel also announced that she has been doing a lot of advocacy work and that she attended DD Awareness Day last week and was able to meet with and her state representative and the aide to her state representative. She was able to speak with them about the fact that a lot of the advocates in Warren County do not have access to the needed technology or transportation. She also talked about other community activities she has been involved in through her advocacy work.
- Mark Smith talked about his work with regards to medication availability in schools. Recent legislation has been passed to keep certain drugs stocked at schools for emergency purposes. These drugs are related to seizures, drug overdose, asthma, and insulin levels. Medications will be kept at the school in a secure location. If a child needs these medications it will be listed on the Individual Health Plan for the student. They are also going to be working with non-medical school staff to make sure that all that need to know about health issues are aware so that students are not placed at risk if medical professionals are not available. This legislation also has the Department of Education working with drug companies to determine who can provide these drugs at free or reduced cost and providing this information to students and families.

- Matt Harrison announced that he and his wife will be having a baby in late August.

### **Public Comment Discussion of Plan Language**

- Come Together
  - Original Plan Language Goal was changed to include technology which was in the agreed upon goals by the Council but was left out when creating plan language.
  - Also added language to allow resources to be accessed not just advocates.
- Inclusive Recreation
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### **Discussion topics included:**

- Fatica Ayers, planner, explained to the committee the reason for input and the value of making changes to plan language if it does not change the overall intent.
- Jackie George requested clarification on the public comments that were received. All public comments were given to the committee, those included the “survey monkey” comments as well as those that were submitted to the Council staff privately.
- Paula Rabidoux started a discussion surrounding the comment on how we would reach the Somali community as well as other non-English speaking communities. It will be important for us to make sure that we stress that we would like the grantees to reach out to un/underserved communities, but we have not yet put in a way to reach out specifically to non-English speaking communities and that the Council may want to address this issue specifically when working on future projects or in the next 5-year plan cycle.

### **Approval of Plan Language**

- Jackie George motioned to approve changes that were discussed at the meeting to the State Plan Language. These included changing the Goal for the Come Together and Inclusive Recreation grants to mirror our common goals in the 5-year state plan language as well as adding the word resources to the Come Together grant. Ilka Riddle provided a second. The motion was approved with all members present supporting the motion.

### **Speaker-Kristen Hildebrandt-Disability Rights Ohio**

#### Main Topics in presentation

- Provided overview of Disability Rights Ohio

- Provided overview of special education team at Disability Rights Ohio especially the Special Education Fellows program.
- Previous fellow helped over 200 families-attended over 200 IEP meetings. All five fellow continue to work in special education field.
- DRO is doing a lot of work in the School to Prison pipeline problem which has been their priority over the last 10 years.
- Working with ODE on a complaint mechanism around restraint/seclusion issues.
- Assuring that services are being provided in the transition area.
- Pandemic has not been good for special education students in Ohio
- Remote instruction does not provide appropriate interactions for kids with disabilities.
- There were a lot of barriers due to remote instruction, but schools did work hard to try to address these issues
- Lack of socialization has been significant and has resulted in increase in trauma and mental health issues in children
- Highlighted the recent data report from ODE that report can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Data-Insights-on-the-2020-2021-School-Year>
- Discussed ways that schools can make up services that were missed during the pandemic
- Big question is how we address the academic gaps between students with disabilities and those without. This is an area in which a re-design needs to occur.
- Department of Education has five-year plan to address on special education. <http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Special-Education/Improving-Educational-Experiences-and-Outcomes/EachChildMeansEachChild.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>
- Short term advocacy could be to address special education in current budget cycle and DD Council would be willing to sign onto any letter sent to legislator or governor. Individualized services to students is really the key.

### **Technology Discussion**

Kim could not attend the meeting on today's date for a technology discussion.

**Adjournment:** Rachel called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made by Paula Rabidoux and seconded by Jackie George. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm

### **Next meeting Date**

No next meeting date was scheduled.