

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

March 6, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel

Dublin, Ohio

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Bobbi Krabill	X
Karen Kerr, Chair	X
Lori Kershner	X
Laura Leach	X
Paula Rabidoux	
Jill Radler	X
Rhonda Rich	X
Ilka Riddle	
Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X
Mark Smith	
Joanna Spargo	X

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pamela Green
Sue Willis
Dara Walburn
Rachel Rice

VISITOR

Patti Lyons	Kimm Kissinger
Lynne Fogel	Kara Ault
Amy Clawson	Amanda Moran
Kim Musgrave	Atondira Ghee
Beth Graham	

STAFF

Kay Treanor
Carolyn Knight
Kim Crishbaum
Paul Jarvis

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman Karen Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:00pm with introductions. Motion for the approval of the July 2018 Minutes was made, Laura/ Rochelle. July 2018 Minutes were approved with abstentions by Jill and Laurie.

Motion for the September 2018 Minutes was made, Laura/Rochelle. September 2018 Minutes were approved with abstention by Jill.

Presentation: The Waiver Nursing Coalition Group, represented by Amy Clawson and Lynne Fogel from Family Health Information Center along with two parent members, Patti Lyons and Kim Musgrave, presented on the current nursing crisis for those in need of services. Highlights of the presentation were:

- Amy Clawson provided background history leading to current issues and formation of the coalition. Nursing delegation was in rule starting in 1990 allowing Direct Support Professionals to obtain credentialing to do various medical procedures previously done by nurses only. This has caused many families who were receiving nursing services through the waiver to be denied services. Also, there is a shortage of nurses to take waiver reimbursed positions even if the family has approval for them.
- Patti provided her experiences when, after receiving nursing services for 8 years through the waiver for her daughter, the family was denied. Patti is no longer able to work and is unable to find any nursing services because of provider shortage.
- Kim spoke about her family being denied after 9 years of nursing services for her 21 year old non-verbal son who has multiple medical needs from several disorders. She spoke about multiple efforts to appeal the denial including providing physician recommendations of need. She spoke about the hardships to her family and her personal health. She said she lives in constant fear of her son's safety and well being because of lack of nursing services.
- Lynne Fogel spoke on the activities of the group. Lynne reported the group has met with DODD's Director Davis and Medicaid Chief. The meeting established a base and plans to meet again are pending. Areas of concern are 1) Documentation problems by the HTC's 2) Need for face to face assessments for nursing services 3) Better communication to families as to the rules around nursing services and needed documentation for eligibility.

The committee members asked several questions and provided suggestions for the coalition members. A discussion with the Office of Medicaid was highly suggested. Following the discussion, a motion was made.

MOTION: The Children and Health Committee recommends Carolyn Knight and Kay Treanor represent the Ohio DD Council on the Waiver Nursing Coalition group. Rochelle/Pam. The Motion passed unanimously with Bobbi Krabill abstaining.

Old Business/ New Business: Kay provided an update on the committee grants:

- Healthy Lifestyles for People with DD – New grant fiscal staff informed Kay and Robin that new contracts were needed with outside universities. The original contracts were done incorrectly, and they were wanting us to approve the use of purchase service agreements. We informed them we do not specify the kind of contracts the grantee should use. The end result, a No Cost Extension for FY2019 was approved ending 3/31/19 to revise the grant budget, write new contracts and make payment to the contracted universities.
- Better Childcare for Students with DD – The grantee needed to find a new group to work with as 4C for Children is unable to partner with the grantee as originally planned. They will be working with the Summit County preschool association instead.
- Project TREES/ Family Support in Early Intervention – The Childhood League, one of the grant cohorts, has had a major change in leadership and will no longer be working with the grantee. Search for a new cohort to replace this one is open but difficult being that nearly three years of the grant has expired.

Kay reported Leeanne Cornyn has been appointed as the Director of Children’s Initiative for Governor DeWine’s cabinet.

Agency and Partner Updates: Bobbi Krabill, representative for the Ohio Department of Health, provided the following updates:

- The department has a new Director, Amy Acton MD.
- Bobbi is now acting director for Children with Medical Handicaps, CMH
- The Title V needs assessment “Road Tour” is completed. The following were found to be the major needs identified from the tour:
 - 1) Social Emotional supports
 - 2) Hospitals assisting families with trauma care
 - 3) Providers increased understanding of the complex system of care
 - 4) Increased care coordination and transitional care
- Work force development with first year medical students is being developed.

Adjournment: Karen called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made, Jill/ Laurie. The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.