

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

**June 5, 2020  
GOTO Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Vice Chair	X
Matt Harrison	
Karen Kerr	X
Lori Kershner	
Bobbi Krabill	X
Paula Rabidoux	X
Jill Radler	
Rachel Rice, Chair	X
Rhonda Rich	X
Ilka Riddle	X
Jackie Rigutto	X
Mark Smith	
Jo Spargo	X

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mark Seifarth, Special Advisor

**VISITOR**

Eric Rathburn, ATOHIO

Christine Brown

Ellen Hudson, Montgomery County DD

## STAFF

Fatica Ayers  
Carolyn Knight  
Robin Shipp  
Gary Groom  
Paul Jarvis  
Rebecca Bates

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Rachel Rice called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with the roll call.

- **Rachel asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019**

Rhonda Rich made a motion to approve the minutes without objections. It was seconded by Paula Rabidoux. The minutes were approved without objections.

### **Review of 2021 Plan Language**

Rebecca reviewed the 2021 State Plan Language for the three Children's and Health grants: Healthy Lifestyles for People with Disabilities, Better Child Care for students with Disabilities, and Family Support in Early Intervention. No input or discussion was held, and no modifications were requested. Rhonda Rich motioned to approve plan language for all three grants with Jackie Rigutto seconding. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

### **Review of Special Olympics Grant**

Rebecca reviewed the amendments to the state plan language for 2020 and the updated plan language for 2021 for the Special Olympics of Ohio Grant. A discussion was held about Special Olympics not related to the specific plan language but related to the maximum effort rule that was implemented. It was suggested that this could be an area where advocacy skills on the part of the attendee could be used.

Karen Kerr made a motion to approve the both the changes to the grant and the 2021 plan language. Paula Rabidoux provided a second. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Discussion on Updating Mission Statement**

A discussion was held on updating the mission statement. The Children and Health Committee has a mission statement that does not mention the word health. There was a discussion that centered on how we might add health to the mission statement without making the statement too “big.” After multiple suggestions it was determined that Rebecca would put together ideas for the committee and we would discuss this at our next committee meeting.

### **Discussion of next 5 year state plan**

Rebecca provided a review of the results of the 5-year plan survey that was conducted. Discussion around these topics took place. Discussions included:

- Doctors and dentists not taking Medicaid. After robust discussion it was concluded this was likely a Public Policy issue and should probably be addressed in that committee.
- A discussion on whether or not people are actually receiving information about the availability of health programming in their community.
- How we can disseminate information to people with developmental disabilities so that they can participate in the programs that are available.
- That there appears to be a lack of community outreach within state programs when it comes to health promotion.
- That information needs to be in plain and clear language and provided in a variety of ways such as providing the information in a video, in audio and in written language.
- Making sure that available activities already available within a community are accessible to all people within the community.
- Discussion on how universities might help assure accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Special Education is the number one topic that the Family Support staff get questions about at the UCCED.
- It is important to have someone at the table with parents because IEP’s are so hard to understand.
- Even though there are programs there are just not enough advocates in the system to help parents and the Parent Mentors aren’t allowed to advocate.

- The language used in the Special Education Process is difficult to understand and parents do not understand the IEP process.
- Would like if we could support and educate families through the IEP process.
- OCECD, OCALI and DRO would be good partners in this process if we choose to work within the special education area.
- Consider mental health issues and COVID for individuals with developmental disabilities. NAMI might be a good partner if we go in this direction.

**Adjournment:** Rachel called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made by Karen Kerr seconded by Jackie Rigutto. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

**Next meeting Date**

Next meeting date will be determined via a Doodle Poll after July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.