

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

July 13, 2017

**Crowne Plaza North
Worthington, Ohio**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Bobbi Burke	X
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Karen Kerr, Chair	X
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Laura Leach	X
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ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Seifarth
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Karen Medina
Katie Nault
Doug Lutman
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Kay Treanor
Carolyn Knight
Paul Jarvis

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chair Karen Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Karen requested all in attendance to introduce themselves. Committee attendance did not meet the requirements for a quorum for approval of the May minutes.

Presentation: The committee heard a presentation on the iDance Adaptive Performing Arts and Fitness Center in Toledo, Ohio. The mission of iDance is to inspire the love of the performing arts through creative expression and to provide a connection to fitness and healthier lifestyles for individuals with developmental challenges and other special needs. Speaking to the Committee were Karen Medina, director and dance instructor; Katie Nault, occupational therapy assistant and instructor; and Doug Lutman, language acquisition specialist and instructor. Some of the presentation highlights were:

- iDance began in 2010 with only 8 students and has grown immensely since then showing there is an interest and need for this kind of experience.
- In 2016 an IFIT room was added that includes stationary bikes, treadmills, aerobic classes, Zumba classes, Tyche classes, and nutrition instruction.
- The iDance program serves people with DD ages 8 thru 65.
- Cost for individuals is \$25 a month for one class and gym privileges.
- Clients are offered several modified dance curriculum classes to choose from. Examples of classes are Tap for folks on the autism spectrum, wheelchair ballet, sign language songs, drum classes for the visually impaired, and fitness challenges.
- Katie Nault provided examples of how the use of OT during classes assists with improving fine motor skills, social skills like making friends, improved breathing, spatial awareness, and balance development.
- Doug Lutman provided examples of how using language development techniques help clients with communication delays and speeds up processing delays. There is also an emphasis on focusing on work ethics and being part of a team effort through performance.
- The studio is involved in community performances and seeks support through fund raising events.
- Council members spoke of the importance of such a program and how it might be made available to other areas outside of Toledo.

You can find more information at <https://www.idanceapac.org/>

New Business/ Old Business: Kay reported the grantee for the Family Support in Early Intervention plans to look closer into the need for additional funding to support virtual meeting for lead counties participating in the grant. Therefore, the plan amendment that was to come before the committee at this meeting will be postponed until the September meeting.

Karen asked the membership for topics of interest the committee would like to hear

presentations about and have discussions on. Infant mortality and the obesity rate among people with DD was mentioned. Karen said if anyone had additional ideas to please email them to her or to Kay.

Agency and Partner Updates

Laura Leach, representative from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, reported that the pending outcomes of the state budget are resulting with some issues being unresolved. The same is true of knowing just what is happening with the DODD waivers although it does look like Shared Living will be added.

Bobbi Burke, representative for the Ohio Department of Health, said ODH is also watching the budget process and waiting for the results. She reported it was decided that the Children with Medical Handicaps program would not be moving to ODM this budget cycle but stay at ODH. She said further meetings are planned to look at solutions for the program and 3mil was added to the CMH line item to help with the cost of the program for the next two years. Bobbi also reported on efforts to improve the numbers around Infant Mortality.

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