

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

**July 12, 2018**

**Crowne Plaza North Hotel  
Worthington, Ohio**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

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

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Marci Straughter  
Michael Denlinger  
Sue Willis  
Brenda Brandon  
Ben Pesich

**VISITOR**

Steve Beha  
Susan Jones  
Maryellen Daston  
Karen Guo  
Christen Brown  
Kellie Brown  
Brenda Stevens  
Brenda Pennington  
Tina Amoako

## STAFF

Kay Treanor  
Carolyn Knight

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Karen Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Karen called for approval of the May minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made, Jo/Jill. Minutes approved.

**Presentation:** Susan Jones from the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD presented on Project TREES/ Family Support in Early Intervention. Susan spoke about the survey completed to establish baseline information for grant activities along with plans for the upcoming 2019 grant year. Some of the highlights of the presentation were:

- Working with eight cohort EI teams in Williams, Erie, Mahoning, Knox, Franklin, Licking, Miami, and Highland counties.
- Vetted a definition of family support in Early Intervention: “Supporting families is a constellation of beliefs, values, strategies, and relationships that strengthen families during their time in Ohio Early Intervention, enhancing their capacity to flourish and face the future with increased resilience, self-efficacy, well-being and optimism.”
- Data resulting from focus groups and questionnaires conducted with families and EI professionals.
- Detailed activities from each of the EI teams working with the grantee on family support issues.
- Information about the Harvard Framework and how it is being utilized in the work of the grant.

There is additional information in the full 31 frame PowerPoint attached below.



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**Old Business/ New Business:** Maryellen Dalston and Karen Guo, representing the Healthy Lifestyles for People with DD project presented on the work of the grant and a request for a no cost extension for 2017 funds. Kay explained there was a delay in obtaining contracts with university collaborators who were contributing to the work of the grant. The UC Children’s Hospital has not been able to reimburse them for their services.

**MOTION: Provide a NO COST EXTENTION of 2017 funds to the end of the 2018 calendar year to the UC Children’s Hospital for expenses occurred in the work of the Healthy Lifestyles for People with DD grant. Rochelle/Laurie**

There was no discussion. The Chairman called for a vote and the motion was unanimously passed.

Maryellen reported on the work of the grant along with plans for the upcoming 2019 project year. She provided the background on the relationship between Project SEARCH and the Health Matters, an evidence-based health curriculum developed for use with the IDD population. Karen spoke on work being done to modify the curriculum allowing it to be used in conjunction with the work transition program Project SEARCH. Emphasis on good health and successful employment is at the center of the work. Additional details can be viewed in the attached PowerPoint below:



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**Agency and Partner Updates:** Steve Beha, Family Outreach and Education Coordinator for DODD was introduced to the committee. Steve is a new employee of DODD and a parent of a 3-year-old with an autism diagnosis. He is looking forward to contributing to the committee meetings and learning from the members. Steve talked about his work with the Community of Practice for Family Support and the Fix the List initiative. Welcome Steve.

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