

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

**July 30, 2020
GOTO Meeting**

MINUTES

Members

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

STAFF

Carolyn Knight

Robin Shipp

Gary Groom

Paul Jarvis

Rebecca Bates

Kim Shoaf

Leslie Connelly

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman Rachel Rice called the meeting to order at 10:08 am with the roll call.

Rhonda Rich made a motion to approve the minutes without objections. It was seconded by Jackie Rigutto. The minutes were approved without objections. Lori Kershner abstained because she did not attend the June meeting.

Announcements

- Rachel spoke about her advocacy group celebrating the anniversary of the ADA with a honk parade. She had her sister help her create a sign that said, “Disability Rights are Civil Rights” and showed the committee.
- Jackie Rigutto announced that she recently got married and her name will be changing on e-mail in the future to Jackie George.
- There was a discussion regarding the extension of schools being allowed to continue providing related services to students via telehealth until December 31. Lori Kershner said that the Public Policy Committee would work on gathering some additional information about this and other policy issues and get out to Council members soon.

Discussion of Mission Statement

Discussed Mission Statement. Committee felt that it should be easier to understand. Also, a discussion on potentially having two statements-one for health and one for children and families. No vote on mission statement was taken.

Technology Discussion

Kim Shoaf presented information to the committee. Kim stated that the Technology and Communication grant will no longer be run through a separate committee but will be run through the Executive Committee. This is to assure that all committees have the benefit of additional supports through either expertise or funding for their projects.

Health Grant Discussion

- Discussion of why people do not access community-based facilities.
- The Ohio Disability and Health Program is currently working in this area.
- Many communities are offering opportunities to exercise people are not showing up for the opportunities. One of the reasons could be transportation another could be that facilities were not accessible.
- Question was asked if the County Boards address fitness as part of the ISP process.
- DD Council could develop a survey to get this information and it could be disseminated in the future.
- Rachel also talked about her experiences with restrictions that her providers put on her and her housemates in the past in terms of the unwillingness to assure they were able to participate in social activities.

Education Discussion

- A top issue when working with families is helping parents understand the Special Education process.
- DRO only serves Franklin County.
- Parent Mentors no longer fulfill the role of an independent advocate anymore.
- Paid advocates are available, but they are expensive, and parents may not have the money to pay for this service.
- Advocates are important for families because they that can look at a situation objectively without having emotions involved.
- Being in an IEP is emotionally trying for parents when they are trying to make sure their child gets what they need.
- Advocates may also keep issues from rising to the point where there are lawsuits or hearings.
- Rebecca will work on plan language and provide to committee at next meeting.

Supporting Families Discussion

- Carolyn addressed the committee about her desire to do something to help support families.
- Discussion regarding to current family support projects were mentioned, Charting the Life Course and Parent 2 Parent network.

These are efforts that are available, but they are not widespread efforts, they are only in regions of the state.

- An effort to help bring all the family voices together might be helpful.
- Family Resource Network is available and might be useful. They currently support Charting the Life Course.

Adjournment: Rachel called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made by Karen Kerr seconded by Lori Kershner. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Next meeting Date

Next meeting date will be determined via a Doodle Poll.