

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

**September 3, 2020
GOTO Meeting**

MINUTES

Members

GEORGE, Jackie	X
HALL-ROLLINS, Michelle, Vice-Chair	X
HARRISON, Matt	
KERR, Karen	X
KRABILLE, Bobbi	
RABIDOUX, Paula	X
RADLER, Jill	
RICE, Rachel. Chair	X
RICH, Rhonda	X
RIDDLE, Ilka	X
SMITH, Mark	X
SPARGO, Jo	X

STAFF

Carolyn Knight
Rebecca Bates
Kim Shoaf
Gilbrina Dillon
Fatica Ayers
Leslie Connelly

GUESTS

Christine Brown

Ellen Hudson

Kellie Brown

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman Rachel Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the roll call.

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

Announcements

- Jackie George said that leadership in the Department of Medicaid, DODD, Education and OOD are all working together to try and address some of the issues that have arisen around remote learning due to COVID-19. Discussions are being held about responsibilities of each agency with regards to student learning and supports that are needed to participate effectively in remote learning.
- Mark Smith said that that ODE is especially concerned about how remote learning has affected medically fragile and children with behavioral issues. ODE encourages families to reach out to their school district to request changes to their IEP if needed because there is no “one size fits all” solution to remote learning. As soon as ODE comes out with more specific guidance, he will share this with the committee. ODE is also working on additional funding and staffing options to help support children during the pandemic. He also stressed that families should make sure they request whoever they feel might best be able to support their child attend an IEP meeting and to reach out to their school district first and then the Office of Exceptional children if they are struggling to get the support they need. The Phone number for the Office of Exceptional Children in Columbus is 614-466-2650 or toll free at 877-644-6338.
- There was a discussion regarding the extension of schools being allowed to continue providing related services to students via

telehealth until January 31, 2021. This is apparently related to Appendix K provisions in Medicaid which also extends the possibility of parents being providers for minor children during this time.

- The increased use of telehealth has been “the silver lining that has come out of the pandemic.”
- Link to article that was referenced in meeting is <https://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20200908/editorial-expanding-coverage-for-telehealth-makes-sense-even-post-pandemic> .

Discussion of Mission Statement

Reviewed new Mission Statements. A motion was made by Paula Rabidoux to accept mission statements as written. A second was made by Rachel Rice. Motion was approved by all in attendance.

Review of potential grants

- Empowering Families
 - Objective and Impact- Family members of people with developmental disabilities will have increased information and supports to obtain inclusive education services for their child.
 - Key Activities-Families will have improved knowledge of the special education process. Families will have improved access to supports throughout the special education process.
 - Resources to be invested-\$65,000 for competitive bid.
- Come Together: A Family Support Project
 - Objective and Impact-An increase in the number of families of people with developmental disabilities in Ohio will have knowledge and access of available supports, as well as the ability to advocate for their family member.
 - Key Activities-Establish a support protocol that can be used across systems. Create a way to assure that families have increased levels of support to decrease feelings of isolation. Collect data to show effectiveness of project.
 - Resources to be invested-\$40,000 for competitive bid.
- Supporting Health
 - Objective and Impact-People with developmental disabilities will increase their physical activity behaviors to improve overall physical fitness and decrease the risk of chronic disease.

- Key Activities-Create new or enhance established social networks specifically around increased physical activity. Evaluate the effectiveness of the program in terms of improved health. Provide a written report of findings.
- Resources to be invested-\$40,000 for competitive bid.
- Leveling the Technology Playing Field
 - Objective and Impact-Increase access to assistive technology for students with developmental disabilities and their families.
 - Key Activities-Conduct a survey to determine the needs of students and families with regards to assistive technology when they are involved in educational services at home i.e. (devices, training, software, usage.) The grantee will assess information collected, write a report of the findings, and include recommendations for next steps.
 - Resources to be invested-\$24,000 to begin in first year or \$48,000 to begin in year two. Could be competitive or sole source.

Discussion

- There are apps available to help people with developmental disabilities with engaging in activity and to help keep track of food choices, but people do not have the money for the technology. This may be something to consider in the future.
- Discussion around non-bid contracting. Can be done if there are no qualified candidates that can or want to work on a project.
- Discussion as to whether we must include a technology grant in our grants since technology is now run through the executive committee.
- Discussion on OCALI being the sole source because of their expertise or putting grant out for bid and see what others can come up with even if OCALI wins bid. We could also put condition on the grant that grantee must incorporate work that OCALI has already done into the proposal.
- Committee decided to take the Leveling the Technology Playing Field potential grant out of Children and Health and will see if Executive Committee might fund something similar in the future. Kim agreed that this would be something that the technology committee now run through executive grant could do.
- Discussion related to funding of grants and how much should be funded. Important to the committee to fund Empowering Families grant at higher level.
- Discussion about changing the health grant so that we work on educating facilities on how to make things accessible for people with disabilities. This could be done less expensively.
- Rebecca will re-write health plan language for health grant and present to committee at next meeting.

Approval of Plan Language

- Paula Rabidoux motioned to approve plan language for Empowering Families at \$65,000 with Rhonda Rich providing a second. The motion was approved with all member present supporting the motion.
- Rhonda Rich motioned to approve plan language for Come Together: A Family Support Project at \$40,000. Paula Rabidoux provided a second. The motion was approved with all members present supporting the motion.

Additional comments

- Committee needs to decide what review panels for the upcoming 5 -year plan they would like to sit on.
- Need to begin thinking about who outside peer reviewer can be
- Who wants to be spokesperson for group in December/

Technology Discussion

Kim felt we had a good discussion about technology especially around tele-health. She will take our potential grant back to executive committee to discuss.

Adjournment: Rachel called for a motion for adjournment. Motion to end the meeting was made by Rhonda Rich and seconded by Paula Rabidoux. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next meeting Date

Next meeting date will be determined via a Doodle Poll.