



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
Community Living Committee

Meeting Minutes

<p><u>Vision Statement</u> People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.</p> <p>People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be seen as people first • Achieve their full potential 	<p><u>Mission Statement</u> To identify & promote strategies approaches and resources that support adults with developmental disabilities as they choose where and with whom they wish to live... and children with developmental disabilities in safe and nurturing family settings.</p>
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LOCATION:

Cherry Valley Lodge
2299 Cherry Valley Road
Newark, Ohio 43055

DATE:

December 8, 2016

Members	Present
Emilia Jackson	x
Ann Marie Denning	
Linda Kunick	x
Heather McFarland, Chairperson	x
Rochelle Hall Rollins	x
Vicki Jenkins, DODD	X
James Plasencia	x
Jill Radler	
Mark Seifarth	x
Joanna Spargo	x
Marcella Straughter	x
Kim Stults	x
Jeff Turner	x
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	x

Mindy Vance	x
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Policy Analyst

Fatica Diana Ayers	X
Ken Latham	
Leslie Paull	
Paul Jarvis	X
Carla Sykes	
Kay Treanor	

Fiscal Staff

Gary Groom	X
Robin Shipp	X

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

- Essie Pederson with Linda
- Brenda Stevens with Heather
- Deb Tackett with Jeff & James
- Dara Walburn, Council Member
- Roberta Montenegro- Executive Director of Ohio Sibs
- Blaine O'Leary- Council Member
- Betsy ????

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:20 pm by Heather McFarland, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. Fatica informed the committee regarding the tentatively scheduled Grantee Orientation on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

III. Approval of September 15, 2016 Minutes

- A. Heather asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - 1. Jeff Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
 - 2. James Plasencia seconded the motion.
 - 3. Motion was carried.
 - 4. Vicki Jenkins abstained.

IV. Results of Grant Reviews

- A. Heather turned the meeting over to Fatica and she reported the following:
 - 1. Wild River Consulting, Inc. was the only submission for Council's housing project and it is in it's final phases of approval.
 - 2. Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals was the only submission for the DSP Project and it is in it's final phases of approval.
 - 3. For the Hashtag Support of Aging Caregivers's Project there were 3 applicants:
 - a. Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services – received the award
 - b. The Department of Aging was so close missed it by 2 points
 - c. Ohio Sibling's submitted but denied.
 - 4. The two continuation projects were approved by the Executive Committee- Transportation Project & DODD's Partnership in Housing Project.

V. Ideas for Data Research Grant

- A. Heather turned the meeting over Paul Jarvis to facilitate this discussion.
- B. Below are highlights of this discussion:

- 1. Visitability
- 2. Transportation
- 3. Wages for DSPs
- 4. Integration- Don't understand how to buy a house it is most complicated.
 - a. Where people living and are they safe.
 - b. Is staff trust worthy?
 - c. Can they communicate with them like family?
 - d. There are many dangers around us and some people we don't want around us.
 - e. There us a hesitation for parents to determine who they can trust with their adult child while living in the community
- 5. Marriage Rights- Impact of marriage on the service delivery system. It has been stated that you can own one home and one car with no penalty if you get SSI.
- 6. The use of ABLE Accounts- above minimum wage; growing economic power for people with disabilities; public perception effort- Is it too soon to explore?

VI. Project Presentation- Sustaining the Sibling Network- Roberta Montenegro- Executive Director

- A. Heather turned the floor over to Roberta Montenegro the Executive Director of the Ohio Sibling Network.
- B. Below are highlights Roberta's presentation. She provided a hand-out and shared the following:
 - 1. The Vision
 - 2. Mission
 - 3. Outcome

4. Other projects Ohio Sibs are involved in
5. Elements of their Strategic Planning-
 - a. Financial Stability
 - b. Leadership Development
 - c. Visibility
 - d. Clarity of Direction
6. Board Responsibility
7. Reaching out Annual Campaign
8. Request to DODD
9. They have developed partnerships with:
 - a. Ohio Department of DD
 - b. Ohio Association of County Board of DD
 - c. Ohio Self Determination Association
 - d. The Arc of Ohio

VII. Reflections on the Housing & Transportation Summits (Carolyn & Renee)

- A. Heather turned the meeting over to Renee Wood and Carolyn Knight to share their perspective of both the Housing & Transportation Summit .
 1. Renee shared a video that was presented at the Housing Summit.
 2. Carolyn stated the Housing Summit was well attended and the feedback is being captured in a booklet.
 3. Carolyn stated the Transportation Summit was well attended and it was convened to create a transportation coalition.

VIII. Funding Opportunity follow up to the Transportation Summit

- A. Heather asked Fatica to explain the 2017 State Plan Amendment. Fatica shared the following:
 1. Athens On Demand Project of Council has been the most progressive grantee that Council has funded which has pushed the envelope on the transportation issue. They have demonstrated how to collaborate, leverage dollars and work on sustainability issues with their project. This project was represented at the Transportation Summit held in October.
 2. In 2015, Services for Independent Living (SIL) partnered with Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) on a grant from the Transportation Equity Caucus to host a Community Transportation Equity Forum.
 3. The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC), SIL was able to host another Transportation Equity Forum in Cleveland in 2016.

4. With the guidance of the Leadership Conference Education Fund staff in Washington, DC, ODDC, DRO, Center for Disability Empowerment and SIL began working on a platform for transportation stakeholders to begin working together.
 5. As a result, an Ohio Transportation Equity Summit was held October 6, 2016. They were able to bring in recognized national transportation advocates to discuss issues and share best practices.
 6. Staff from the Leadership Conference worked with participants in the afternoon to understand coalition building and potential impact. Besides information sharing, the intent of the Summit was to garner interest in a statewide Transportation Equity Coalition. Before leaving, participants were asked to identify levels of engagement they were interested in. We had nearly 50 agencies/individuals express interest.
 7. An initial meeting of the State coalition was held in November, 2016. At that time, discussed the value of working together, the draft letter to the governor introducing the coalition, and potential strategies. The group adopted the name of and descriptor of: **Ohioans for Transportation Equity: A diverse alliance calling for more affordable, accessible, and sustainable transportation options throughout Ohio.**
 8. It should be noted the work we are doing in Ohio is gaining state and national attention with the possibility of becoming a best practice in coalition building.
 9. Council Staff would like to encourage greater collaboration with the Ohioans for Transportation Equity and Council's current stellar transportation project (Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for people with Disabilities Anytime) by increasing their allocation by \$25,000 to support the work of the Coalition and be a part of this coordinated regional/statewide transportation movement.
 10. A proposal and budget was shared.
 11. Fatica stated the funds are available.
- B. Heather asked for any discussion and there was none, so she asked for a motion to approve the 2017 State Plan Amendment for Council's Transportation to support the work of the regional/statewide transportation coalition
1. Mindy Vance made a motion to approve the 2017 State Plan Amendment.
 2. JoAnn Spargo seconded the motion.
 3. The motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

1. James Plasencia made a motion to adjourn.

2. JoAnn Spargo seconded the motion.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.