



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Community Living Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Vision Statement

People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.

People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:

- Be seen as people first
- Achieve their full potential

Mission Statement

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.

LOCATION:

Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square  
75 East State Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

DATE:

March 8, 2018

Members	Present
Emilia Jackson	X
Heather McFarland, Chairperson	
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
Vicki Jenkins, DODD	X
Blaine O'Leary	
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler	
Mark Seifarth	X
Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	X
Mindy Vance	X
Dara Walburn	X

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):

Deb Tackett with James

Dawn Freudenberg, Hamilton County DD Services

Brenda Brandon- on phone  
Matt Harrison – on phone  
Michael Denlinger- on phone  
Beth Graham  
Christine Brown, Nisonger Center  
Linda Kunick- Former Council Members  
Essie Pederson

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:16 pm by Joanna Spargo in the absence of Heather McFarland.
- B. The Acting Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. There were no announcements.

III. Approval of September 14, 2017 Minutes

- A. Joanna asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - 1. **Dara Walburn made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed.**
  - 2. **Marcella Straughter seconded the motion.**
  - 3. **Motion was carried.**

IV. Presentation/Report: Hashtag Support for Aging Caregivers- Dawn Freudenberg, Director, Office of Planning, Innovation, and Quality

- A. Joanna then turned the meeting over Dawn Freudenberg from Hamilton County DD Services. Below are highlights of her presentation:

1. The Project has 3 Objectives:
  - a. Streamline and Integrate Aging and DD
  - b. Offer Family Directed Budgets to Maximize Safety and Improve QOL.
  - c. Help Aging Caregiver Plan for the Future
  
2. She shared .. Why this diversity matters
  - a. The family/advocate perspective deepens and grounds discussion
  - b. We demonstrate intersystem work as we understand and educate each other (acronyms, processes, eligibility, common struggles and mission)
  - c. Council members have terrific connections (Aging forum, faith community)
  - d. Project outcomes are stronger with wider investment
  
3. This project has a wide variety of Advisory members.
  
4. Successes so far ...
  - a. Streamline and integrate aging and DD
  - b. Modelling communication across two systems: Cross training, websites, workgroups
  - c. Advising Scripps Gerontology
  - d. Supporting the addition of item to AAA Caregiver assessment to identify caregivers of a person with a disability
  - e. Learning about the Long Term Care Questionnaire
  - f. Finding successful cross-walkers and understanding what happened

5. Hopes and worries about our family member's future: Things to talk about ..
  - a. What can you (caregiver/s) do or learn about NOW to help increase the chances that what you want to happen will actually happen?
  - b. What can you do NOW, and over the next few weeks, to decrease the chances that what you fear will NOT happen?
  - c. Who else can you share this with?
  
6. Streamline and integrate aging and DD: System Learnings so far
  - a. Shift to supporting people in the context of the family
  - b. Work through the language barrier
  - c. Realize there are not enough waivers or accessible housing or public funding so creative approaches across systems are critical
  
7. Help Aging Caregivers plan for the Future: The Future is Now
  - a. Naming hopes, dreams and worries
  - b. Strengthening and expanding personal networks
  - c. Where will my family member live?
  - d. What will my family member do during the day?
  - e. How can I protect public benefits?
  - f. Who will be the keepers of our dream and plan?

V. Old/New Business

- A. There was no old or new business, however Renee Woods shared information about the "Fix the List" endeavor.
- B. Christine Brown shared her concerns about Medicaid Buy In and the age cut off issue.
  - 1. The age cut off creates a burden on the 65 & 66 years olds being forced to stop working and start paying into taxes.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - 1. Marcella Straughter made a motion to adjourn.**
  - 2. Dara Walburn seconded the motion.**
  - 3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.**