



**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:

**Doubletree Hotel Newark
 50 North 2nd Street
 Newark, Ohio 43055**

DATE:

May 5, 2016

Members	Present
Jane Byrnes	X
Ann Marie Denning	X
Linda Kunick	X
Heather McFarland	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler	X
Mark Seifarth	
Joanna Spargo	
Marcella Straughter	X
Kim Stults, Chairperson	X
Jeff Turner	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	X
Mindy Vance	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):

Essie Pederson with Linda
 Brenda Stevens with Heather
 Dawn Brunkalla- Ann Marie
 Deb Tackett with Jeff & James
 Dara Walburn, Council Member
 Sue Willis, Council Member
 Blaine O’Leary, Council Member
 Ted Jones, DODD
 Ernie Fischer, DODD

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:15 pm by Heather McFarland, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. There were no announcements.

III. Approval of March 3, 2016 Minutes

- A. Heather asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - 1. Kim Stults made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
 - 2. Jeff Turner seconded the motion.
 - 3. Motion was carried.

IV. 2017-2021 Public Comments

- A. Heather turned the meeting over to Fatica who reviewed the feedback on the Community Living section of the Plan. Below are highlights of what she shared:
 - 1. **Comments on the Aging Caregivers Project was that we strengthen what already exists.**
 - 2. *Maximizing Resources and Changing Public Policy for Housing for Adults with Disabilities Project*- received 2 comments that were encouraging Council to move forward. The last comment criticized the work of the current project for they don't know what has really taken place. ODDC staff provided comments and clarifications in the hand-out.
 - 3. Partnership for Housing for People with Disabilities- the comments were very positive and this person feels it is the way to go.
 - 4. **Strengthening the Voices of Direct Support Professionals- one comment suggest we collaborate with OCALi to do on-line training. We just voted in March to provide funding so they can begin to create on-line training.**
 - 5. *Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for People with Disabilities Anytime Project*- the first sentence about the Business Leadership Network is alluding to the employment grant. The other comments isn't relevant for this person does not understand that our funding sources admonishes us to work with grantees on sustainability

and that is what this grant is about. Maybe after the 2 years, we can try to expand to other counties but not now.

V. Public Policy Update

- A. Heather turned the meeting over to Paul Jarvis to provide public policy updates. Below are highlights of what he shared:
1. Issue of visitability is being discussed by advocates. National Multiple Sclerosis Society has done a lot of work in this area..Holly Pendell has put together a core group. There is a House Bill that will create \$500,000 in tax credits for visitable housing, which includes new housing and existing housing. Visitability means a no step entrance, and bathroom on the main floor is wide enough accommodate a wheel chair, and accessible doorways on the main floor..
 2. Representatives Michael Stinziano & Cheryl Grossman are leaving the General Assembly. Core group created a wish list- in 6 months want to introduce in 2017.
 3. Transportation Project- Public Policy grant- Data grant transportation survey target to people with disabilities and have an unmet need. Unmet need is transportation.
 4. Questionnaire is almost complete will go live next Friday- OD Transportation will help with On line survey.
 5. Oct 5 or 6 at Xenos invitation only there will be a the broad coalition- Independent Living Center (ILC)is going to administer the survey- ILC will sort out the responses and analyze it- categorize and draw some conclusions.
 6. The Mid Biennium review –
 - a. DODD Bill will make major policy changes- The committee accepted a substitute bill to permit delegated nursing in large facilities (17 beds or more). Currently, delegated nursing for large facilities is only permitted during field trips. This change was not supported by the Ohio Nursing Association.
 - b. ABLE Accounts- income tax deduction for contributions to an ABLE account will be added to the Mid-Biennium Review
 - c. During hearings, an issue dealing with acuity and formulas was made public. Providers are claiming the state’s administrative moves appears to be harsher to what the public agreement was made. State decided that use of sparometers would not be permitted.
 7. Overtime issue for Independent providers- legislature is not concerned about it any more and included increase the wage for the providers for there is a workforce shortage. Advocates recently met with Representative Mark Romanchuk.

8. CMS looking at a new scheme to control the cost of health and human services. (I seriously don't remember anything about this bullet. Would it hurt to delete?)

VI. DODD's New Community Housing Manager

- A. Heather turned the floor over to Theodore Jones the new Community Housing Manager for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities & Ernie Fischer, Project Manager 2 for the Division of Residential Services.
- B. Below are highlights of Ted's presentation:
 1. Ted stated he had been in the field of affordable housing for over thirty years.
 2. Worked with nonprofits, for profits, local governments, and mortgage bankers.
 3. The last ten years he worked at the Corporation for Supportive Housing where he was focused on the creation of permanent supportive housing for the homeless, people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders.
 4. Although he had retired two years ago, when the opportunity with DoDD arose it was too good to pass up. It is a chance to again make a difference.
 5. He and Ernie are looking at funding rules to make them more flexible to have greater impact.
 6. He has also been meeting with housing developers, property managers, and equity investors seeking input on what they need to create housing that includes a set aside of units for IDD consumers.
 7. It is too early to yet say what the outcome of this will be but initial meetings have proven positive. Unfortunately, nothing in the affordable housing industry happens as quickly as we would like so it may take a couple of years for some changes to occur.
 8. In the interim, they are creating trainings for Boards and DD housing providers on housing development and management.
 9. Some of the initial trainings will in the Housing 101 category and will be targeted to people new to housing.
 10. They are also working on a Housing 102 that will go into greater depth on housing development, advocacy and the creation of effective working partnerships.
- C. Below are highlights of what Ernie Fischer presented:
 1. The Rental Assistance Program initiated by the Department in July 2015 currently has about 35 people enrolled. The Department received funding of \$750,000 for each of FY 2016 and 2017. This funding is limited to those people moving out of a developmental center or another ICF/IID.
 2. DODD, along with ODMHAS and ODM are working with OHFA in implementing a grant from the Federal Government (HUD) to provide subsidized housing to persons with disabilities. The project – Section 811 – will provide rent subsidies in apartment buildings funded through the Low Income Tax Credit Program. The project is expected to roll out sometime by the end of 2016 – early 2017.
 3. A Housing Summit is being planned in cooperation with DD Council, OACB, DHN, The Supported Living Association to be held in August. The focus of the summit will be to discuss

and provide counties with practical information and education to enhance their ability to provide affordable housing.

4. The DODD has submitted its Capital Budget request to the Legislature for \$23 million for the FY 2017-2018 biennium. This represents a significant increase in its current budget of \$15 million. The budget is expected to be acted on by the Legislature and Governor in May.

VII. Old/New Business- 1 Action Items:

- A. Carolyn Knight provide the committee with the results of the unsolicited proposal from the Disability Housing Network that was denied funding.
- B. There was then open discussion about issues.
 1. Mindy Vance shared information about Recovery housing
 2. Renee Wood encouraged discussion on changing the DD housing language.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 1. James Plasencia made a motion to adjourn.
 2. Jeff Turner seconded the motion.
 3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35p.m.