



<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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Community Living Committee
 May 2, 2019
 Embassy Suites - Dublin
 5100 Upper Metro Place
 Dublin, Ohio 43017

MINUTES

Members present

Members	Present
Michael Denlinger	X
Matt Harrison	X
Emilia Jackson	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
Vicki Jenkins, DODD, Vice Chair	X
Blaine O’Leary	X
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler, Chairperson	X

Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	
Mindy Vance	
Dara Walburn	X

Policy Analyst

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

Fiscal Staff

Robin Shipp	X
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Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Morgan Gattermeyer, ODDC Member
 Billie McAleer with James
 Casper Shahan (w/ Matt)
 Christine Brown, Nisonger Center
 Sue Willis, DRO
 Linda Kunick
 Rachel Rice, New ODDC Member
 Benjamin Pesich, ODDC Member
 Beth Grahan w/Dara
 Deborah Kunick w/ Linda
 Ellen Hudson

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 3:49 p.m. by 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 6,2019 Minutes

A. Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

1. **James Plasencia made a motion to approve the minutes as written.**
2. **Jo Spargo seconded the motion.**
3. **Motion was carried.**
4. **There were no abstentions,**

IV. Data/Research Project ideas – Paul Jarvis

A. Paul stated he was attending each committee to generate ideas for data research that could be funded by his committee. Below are the ideas that were provided:

1. The MEORC is concerned about the lack of abuse prevention in our system. MEORC is interested in the possibility of being a partner in looking at the research and impact of the substantiated MUI's in Region V, which includes 19 county boards of developmental disabilities and providers.
 - a. They would be interested in analyzing the data they have from the substantiated MUI categories in Region V and the financial impact on county boards, providers, and other systems involved. MEORC is an organization that has a long rich history of investigating Major Unusual incidents and they have just concluded a snapshot of 2018 MUI's their region and in looking at these numbers they know that if there could be some proactive approach to address this concern, this could be a major move to help people to have a positive life.
 - b. They know there is very little that is being done at the state level in addressing the prevention of abuse and they feel there is a great need state wide to present the results of a financial analysis of this situation, especially to DODD leadership and the legislature for the next budget. MEORC has a lot of the data and would be the right partner to get something like this started and they would love to partner with the DD council and OACB in moving this along.

2. Council could define and capture the barriers there are when a person with a disabilities moves from one home to another. How difficult is the transition?
3. Council could also write up how a person with disabilities get out of a bad living situation.
4. Council can look at the difficulties for people with disabilities trying to obtain non-medical transportation.

V. **Presentation from Morgan K. Whitlatch, Legal Director, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities – Supported Decision Making**

- A. Jill turned the meeting over to Morgan Whitlatch and below are highlights of her presentation. Morgan shared a power-point presentation which is available upon request.

What is Supported Decision Making?

- A way for an adult with a disability to **make** his or her **own decisions**, by using friends, family members, professionals, and other people he or she trusts to:
 - **Help understand** the issues and choices;
 - **Ask questions**;
 - **Receive explanations** in language he or she understands; and
 - **Communicate** his or her to others.
- (See, e.g., Blanck & Martinis 2015; Dinerstein 2012;
- Salzman 2011)

Self-Determination

- **Life control** — People’s ability and opportunity to be “causal agents . . . Actors in their lives instead of being acted upon”
 - (Wehmeyer, Palmer, Agran, Mithaug, & Martin, 2000, p. 440)
 - **People with disabilities with greater self-determination are:**
 - More **independent**
 - More **integrated** into their communities
 - **Healthier**
 - Better able to **recognize and resist abuse**
- (Powers *et al.*, 2012; Shogren, Wehmeyer, Palmer, Rifenbark, &

Morgan shared a number of legal tools that could be utilized in Supported Decision Making and evidence as to why it is important.

- There is **no “one size fits all” method** of Supported Decision-Making
- **It is a paradigm**, not a process or program.
- It means **working with the person** to identify where help is needed and finding a way to provide any help that’s needed, so that the person can **make his or her own decisions**.
- The key question is **“what will it take?”**

VI. Approval of 2020 State Plan

A. Jill turned the meeting over to Fatica to update the committee on the Community Living section of the 2020 State Plan Update.

B. Fatica explained that none of projects had any changes to make in their project language. She also recommended that the Transportation Project be continued through 2021 when all the projects ended.

1. The transportation project plans to have an Athens County transportation sales tax levy on the November ballot. With a little luck (and some hard work) they are hoping to get it to pass. If it passes, all of their Athens County-based transportation projects would be much more sustainable.

C. Jill asked for a motion to approve the Community Living Section of the 2020 State Plan Update:

1. Blaine O’Leary made a motion to approve the 2020 State Plan Update.

2. Matt Harrison seconded the motion.

3. The motion was approved.

VII. Five Year State Plan Timelines

A. Fatica explained to the committee that it is time to start preparing for the next 5 Year State Plan. Part of that process is obtaining feedback from the people we are advocating for on what they think Council's priorities should be. Developing the 5 Year State Plan consists of the following activities:

1. 2019 Collect feedback and analyze while working with facilitator.
2. 2020 Complete work with facilitator and create plan language while determining funding levels for new project.
3. 2021 Obtain Public feedback about the new projects to be funded and host a Bidder's Conference where people from the public can ask questions about projects they want to apply for. Conduct Grant Reviews to select new grantees.
4. 2022 new projects begin.

B. Fatica ended by stating the new survey tool will be rolled out during the July meeting and she will be asking Council members to set up meetings for her to come and talk to at least 15 people about the next 5 Year State Plan.

VI11. Adjournment

- A. Jill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- 1. Matt Harrison made a motion to adjourn.**
 - 2 Michael Denlinger seconded the motion.**
 - 3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.**