



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:

Embassy Suites - Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017

DATE:

September 12, 2019

Members	Present
Michael Denlinger	X
Matt Harrison	X
Emilia Jackson	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
Vicki Jenkins, DODD, Vice Chair	X

Blaine O’Leary	
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler, Chairperson	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 Cox	

Fiscal Staff

Robin Shipp	
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Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Billie McAleer with James
Christine Brown, Nisonger Center
Sue Willis
Linda Kunick
Debbie Kunick (w/ Linda)
Mark Seifarth, Special Advisor
Debbie Pennington
Brenda Brandon
Taylor Liggins, Transportation Coalition Coordinator
Leah Werner, Corporation for Supportive Housing
Casper Shahan
Rachel Rice, ODDC Member
Jeanette Welsh, DODD
Ellen Hudson
Beth Graham

Call to order

- The meeting was called to Order at 3:46 p.m. by Jill Radler, Chair Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of July 11, 2019 Minutes

Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **James Plasencia made a motion to approve the minutes as written.**
- **Matt Harriossn seconded the motion.**
- **Motion was carried.**
- **Rochelle Hall- Rollins and Jill Radler abstained.**

Approval for Synergy Conference/Special Advisor

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that Renee Woods, Special Advisor to the Community Living Committee would like to attend the Synergy Conference. She needs approval from the committee to complete the process to pay her expenses to attend.

Jill asked for a motion to approve Renee's expense to attend the Synergy Conference:

Rochelle Hall- Rollins made the motion to approve the expense for Renee to attend the Synergy Conference. It was seconded by Mindy Vance. The motion carried.

Presentation from Taylor Liggins, Transportation Coalition Coordinator

Jill turned the meeting over to Taylor Liggins who is the Transportation Coalition Coordinator with the Government Affairs Cincinnati Regional Chamber. Below are highlights of her presentation:

- The Coalition is Investing in Public Transit & Infrastructure in Hamilton County, Ohio. Community & business leaders recognize the region has a transportation problem.
- Southwest Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) is fully reviewed to understand the scope of the problem.
- The review validates the 180 million dollar deficit over the next 10 years & that the way to solve the problem is to reorient & reinvest in the system.
- A coalition formed to advocate for a new way to fund the bus system. The coalition included elected leaders such as Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, Councilmember PG Sittenfeld, & the Cincinnati Chamber and Cincinnati Business Community.
- In December, she joined the effort and together they have continued to build a coalition; one that is broad, diverse and bi-partisan.
- The coalition now includes additional elected officials (Democrat, Independents & Republicans) across the county, other community leaders, business, labor unions, bus riders, disability advocates, faith leaders, senior citizen advocates, environmental advocates, young professionals and veterans.
- SORTA is well-managed and operates efficiently given available resources. SORTA received high marks from the Ohio Auditor, and the business-led EY review found no anomalies.

- Metro is number one in efficiency among its “bus-only” peers but near the bottom in amount of public funding received for operations.
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- SORTA received the Ohio Auditor of State Award of Distinction.
- SORTA publishes its finances on Ohio’s Open Checkbook.
- SORTA fully-cooperated and helped fund the business community’s EY finances review.
- 26th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting -- Government Finance Officers Association.
- In every key metric, Cincinnati is falling further behind peers in access to transit and transit funding for capital and operations.
- Driven by lack of new investment, SORTA’s ridership has fallen further and faster than peer cities identified in EY study.
- SORTA has a 10-year cumulative operating and capital deficit of nearly \$185MM.
- In addition to low job connectivity, SORTA lags behind peers and customer expectations in three key drivers of transit service: frequency, span, and trip time.
- SORTA worked with AECOM, a nationally known engineering and transportation firm, to develop concrete plans for how it could best serve the County.
- Taylor shared information about SORTA Access Paratransit Services.

Presentation from Leah Werner with Corporation for Supportive Housing

Jill turned the meeting over to Leah Werner and below are highlights of her presentation on Expanding the Pathway for Integrated Housing Development.

She shared the mission of Corporation for Supportive Housing and stated that the 2017-18 Integrated Institute received funding from DD Council through Bob Laux's Housing Grant. The Institute provided ongoing Training and TA on:

- Capital application review
- Partnership Development Training
- How to's of working with housing authorities
- Pre-Development Lending
- Advocacy
- Ongoing partnership with DODD
- Identification of Challenges & Opportunities

Current Community Capital Assistance Funds

- Single family, duplex, quad-plex or condos
- Funds will cover renovations up to 75% of appraised value of home
- Purchase price cannot exceed 110% of appraised value
- Multi Family – indiv apartments- no more than 4 units
- Single Family Home
- Shared Living 2+ people

Pending New Funding Rules

- County Boards and County Housing Corporations are strongly encouraged to identify and leverage non-DODD funds to complement those being provided by DODD.
- The degree to which an application includes non-DODD funds will be a consideration factored into the review and funding of the requested project.

- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Housing Development Assistance Program
- National Housing Trust Fund
- Federal Home Loan Bank

She ended her presentation by sharing:

- Pathway to Higher Unit Production
- Developments in Ohio (Spotlighting Highland and Hamilton)
- Challenges and Opportunities

Old/New Business

- Announcement – the results of the External Evaluation of both housing projects and the Hashtag Support for Aging Caregivers’s Project will take place on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 . All Council Members should attend and on Thursday, November 7, 2019 the Executive Committee will meet to conduct the Continuation Grant Reviews.
- December Council will be having it’s Retreat.

Adjournment

Jill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- **Michael Denlinger made a motion to adjourn.**
- **Dara Walburn seconded the motion.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.**