



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
 Community Living Committee  
 Meeting Minutes  
 3:00 p.m.

<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"> <li>• Be people first</li> <li>• Achieve their full potential</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u>          To identify &amp; 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:  
 GoToMeeting

DATE:  
 August 18, 2020

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

Jill Radler, Chairperson	
Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Dara Walburn	

Policy Analyst

Fatica Diana Ayers	X
Rebecca Bates	
Ken Latham	
Leslie Connelly	X
Paul Jarvis	
Carla Cox	
Kim Shoaf	X

Fiscal Staff

Gary Groom	X
Robin Shipp	

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Christine Brown, Nisonger Center

Renee Woods

**Call to order**

- The meeting was called to Order at 3:05 p.m. by Vicki Jenkins, Vice Chair of the Community Living Committee.
- The Vice Chair conducted roll call to determine who was present at the meeting.

**Approval of July 9, 2020 Minutes**

Vicki asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Jo Spargo made a motion to approve the minutes as written.**
- **Michael Denlinger seconded the motion.**
- **Motion was carried without objections.**

## **The New Role of Technology on Council - Kim Shoaf**

- Kim shared with the committee that technology will now cut across all committees while the Executive Committee will oversee any suggestions or be the point of reference.
- Kim will avail herself to be a part of any discussion involving technology or if the committee needs to brainstorm issues about communication she will be available as well.
- She asked that technology be placed on meeting agenda just in case she has an update to share.

## **2022-2026 State Plan Language – Replicate & Expand Transportation Project**

Vicki Jenkins went over the new State Plan Language for the above project. Below are highlights of her presentation:

1. The project will conduct a pilot that allows AODT to provide rides outside of Athens county and target people with disabilities first to receive these rides. Incorporate technology when needed.
2. Work with interested counties to replicate their project success and focus on ways to leverages dollars, collaborate and find ways to sustain themselves.
3. **Objective and Impact of Project**  
By the end of the second year of the project , at least two new counties will be added to the Athens County route and volunteer counties will receive technical assistance and training on how to develop a transportation system that leverages dollars, collaborates and finds ways to sustain itself.
4. The project will be competitive even though we know AODT is the focus.
5. Fatica will add a little information about COVID-19.

6. This project is in the rural area and people with disabilities will drive this project.

After some discussion, Vicki asked for a motion to include this project in the new 5 Year State Plan:

- **Michael Denlinger made a motion to approve the Replicate & Expand Transportation Project.**
- **Rochelle Hall Rollins seconded the motion.**
- **The motion was approved.**

### **Self- Directed Transportation – Christine Brown, Nisonger Center**

Vicki turned the meeting over to Christine Brown and below is what she shared:

- Flexible, on-demand transportation services, such as Uber and Lyft, are currently available to individuals who are enrolled on the SELF waiver through the use Participant-Directed Goods and Services.
- Participant-Directed Goods and Services is not a service that is available in the Individual Options (IO) or Level One waivers.
- There is no plan to add Participant-Directed Goods and Services to the IO or Level One waivers, but the suggestion to add participant-directed transportation, also called self-directed transportation, to those two waivers has been discussed.
- There are many challenges with the idea of a self-directed transportation service because certifying all of the independent drivers is complicated, and health and safety concerns have to be considered.
- The Waiver Workgroup will be spending more time trying to define the service and working with the Ohio Department of Medicaid to determine if this is something that we can actually do.

- If we can work it out, it will likely be after July 1, 2021 that we start the waiver amendments to add the service. The soonest that the service would be effective is probably January 1, 2022, but possibly even later.
- There is a statewide initiative called Mobility Ohio that is also focused on the need for better transportation options for Ohioans with disabilities. They are piloting some of their ideas in a small region of Ohio already. We will want to stay updated on their efforts, so that we can know if we really need to change our waivers or not.
- The Adult Day Blueprint group also may make recommendations about non-medical transportation that will have to be considered before any changes are made.

Members suggested we need to continue to push for non - medical transportation.

### **Ohio Mobility Transformation**

Chuck Dyer did not show up for the meeting and will be asked to come another time to talk about the Ohio Mobility Transformation.

Fatica stated based on what she read if the Mobility Transformation is executed it would address all forms of transportation venues and making them available for every need and population.

### **2020 State Plan Amendment for Strengthening the Voices of DSPs**

Vicki presented the above State Plan Amendment and stated the following:

- The goal of the State Plan Amendment is to build a customized platform for the I/DD workforce in Ohio that is integrated with OADSP's website. The platform is a multimedia hosting, distribution, and conversation platform that makes it easy for users to find, consume, and act on content, and would be branded with a name like "OADSP TV", "DSP TV".
- Another goal of creating this integrated platform is to support peer to peer learning.

- This option would allow OADSP to partner with DODD to provide access to training **at no cost to agencies or DSPs**. OADSP would also be able to partner with other entities that have training to strengthen the skills of DSPs and FLSs.
- \$20,000.00 is required so that the platform can be launched in January, 2021.

Fatica stated that Council has the funding, because the Transportation Project received \$2 million pandemic funding and they asked Council to keep their funding and utilize for other noteworthy projects. (Such a wonderful grant)

After discussion, Vicki asked for a motion to approve the 2020 State Plan Amendment and below is the result:

- **Rochelle Hall Rollins made a motion to approved the \$20,000 for the Strengthening the Voices of DSPs project.**
- **Michael Denlinger second the motion.**
- **The motion was approved.**

### **Direct Support Professionals**

Vicki went over the survey results regarding DSPs from Council’s survey and the survey results from the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.

After some discussion, Fatica suggested that the committee wait to see the “White Paper” being written by OADSP and DODD that relates to Direct Support Professionals. That “White Paper” may have recommendations that Council will want to fund that will be relevant.

The White Paper should be ready by late August or early September.

The Committee agreed with the recommendations.

## **RECAP OF THE MEETING:**

- The committee approved the inclusion of the Replicate & Expand Transportation Project into the next 5 Year State Plan. This project will be funded at \$80,000.00.
- The committee will wait until the “White Paper” being developed by OADSP and DODD comes out and review the document along with any recommendations and decide what to fund.
- The committee will have \$40,000.00 left to utilize.
- Once the “White Paper” comes out staff will send out a doodle pole to determine when the committee will meet and she will also send a copy of the ‘White Paper’ to the committee.
- The committee will have three projects that will be funded in the next 5 year Plan:
  1. Replicate and Expand Transportation Project
  2. **SOAR Ohio Project & OSILCs**
  3. Direct Support Professionals to be determined.

## **Old/New Business**

Vicki asked committee members to share what they have been doing.

## **Adjournment**

Vicki asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- **Rochelle Hall Rollins made a motion to adjourn.**
- **Michael Denlinger second the motion.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.**