

Executive Committee

March 5, 2020
Crowne Plaza North - Worthington
6500 Doubletree Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43229
5:10pm - 5:45pm

Minutes

Members Present

- X Joanna 'Jo' Spargo, Chair
- X Rhonda Rich, Vice Chair
- Jean Jakovlic, Secretary
- X Rachel Rice – Children/Health
- X Jill Radler – Community Living
- X Shannon Komisarek – Employment
- Leadership
- X Paula Rabidoux - Outreach
- X Dara Walburn – Public Policy
- X Rochelle Hall-Rollins – Technology/Communication

Staff Present

- X Carla Cox
- X Carolyn Knight
- X Gary Groom
- X Robin Shipp
- X Rebecca Bates
- X Paul Jarvis

Guests Present

- X Beth Graham
- X Tobiatha Rice

I. Call to order and introductions

Jo Spargo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with introductions.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes

Chair Spargo approved the September 12, 2019 Executive Committee minutes with no objections. Shannon Komisarek, Rhonda Rich and Rachel Rice abstained.

Chair Spargo approved the November 7, 2019 Executive Committee Continuation Grant Review minutes with no objections. Rhonda Rich and Rachel Rice abstained.

III. Continuation Grant Review – Change Makes Sense – Leslie Connelly

- Chair Spargo turned the meeting over to Carla Cox to discuss the continuation grant review for Change Makes Sense in Leslie's absence. Carla provided the committee with a summary of the activities as outlined in the grant checklist. She indicated that the grantee was following through with the activities as planned. Carla highlighted the portion of the checklist that referenced the feedback received from staff and students from the previous year. Information was positive and the joint planning team agreed that an area of focus would be to increase parental involvement in the program.

During discussion Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked if there were any barriers that would prevent parents from attending?

The committee asked that Carla raise the question of how was the focus of parent involvement would be carried out?

Carla was to ask the following questions:

- How does the grantee plan to get the parents involved in the program?
- Is the grantee using technology to have parents involved? (The reason for this question is because Chair Spargo mentioned that

parents usually can access computers to be involved when they cannot be physically present)

Rhonda Rich asked about the performance measures and Carla answered her from information stated in the checklist. Chair Spargo also informed the committee that she attended an ISP meeting with approximately 20 county boards present and stated that a couple of counties were discussing the grant. She was pleased that the word was getting out.

Once the discussion concluded, Gary Groom and Robin Shipp then provided fiscal conditions for the grant.

- Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the Change Makes Sense Continuation Grant with conditions. Rochelle Hall-Rollins **moved** to approve the Changes Makes Sense grant for another year as stated. Rachel Rice seconded; **motion** passed.

IV. Discretionary Fund Requests

A. The Arc of Ohio requested \$5,000 to support families that have intellectual and developmental disabilities who would like to attend a training event on March 27, 2020. The funding would provide necessary resources for the families to attend the training.

Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the discretionary fund request for the Arc of Ohio.

- Dara Walburn **moved** to approve discretionary fund request for the Arc of Ohio for \$5,000 for I/DD individuals and families to attend a training event on March 27, 2020
- Jill Radler seconded it and **motion** passed.

B. The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center requested \$4,875 to offer stipends for self-advocates and family members to travel to attend the Rubenstein-Taybi Syndrome national Conference to be held July 9-11, 2020.

Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the discretionary fund request for The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

- Shannon Komisarek **moved** to approve discretionary fund request for \$4,875 to offer stipends for self-advocates and family members to travel to attend the Rubenstein-Taybi Syndrome national Conference to be held July 9-11, 2020.
- Jill Radler seconded it and **motion** passed.

V. Announcements

- A. Rochelle Hall-Rollins informed the Executive Committee that she was given a special invitation by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Akron Chapter who hosted the organization's Ohio Statewide Founders Day celebrations in Akron, Ohio in January 2020. She was selected as an elective official on the Change Makers Forum Panel discussion because of the appointment by former Governor Kasich to serve on the Ohio DD Council.
- B. Rachel Rice informed the Executive Committee that she is part of a Book Club that is held at the Lebanon Public Library in Warren County. It started in January and they will meet until the first week of June. It is operated by the Lebanon Public Library with help from Warren County Board of DD. She said that there are so many people interested that there was a waiting list in place.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Spargo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Rhonda Rich **moved** to adjourn, all agreed.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Next meeting: May 7, 2020

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