

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Executive Committee – Continuation Grant Reviews**

**November 1, 2018**

ODDC Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Conference Rm. – 899 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

**Minutes**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Joanna ‘Jo’ Spargo, Chair, James Plasencia, Blaine O’Leary, Karen Kerr, Victor Wilson, Jill Radler, Dara Walburn and Paula Rabidoux **via telephone conference:** Sue Willis **Committee Members Absent:** Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Paul Jarvis, Carla Cox, Leslie Paull, Kenneth Latham, Fatica Ayers, Lisa Wilkerson and Robin Shipp **Guest Present:** Billie McAleer, Betsy O’Leary and Elly Walburn

Chair Jo Spargo called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Fatica Ayers, Council staff, briefly provided a summary of the Continuation Grant process. After her presentation, Chair Spargo proceeded with the Continuation Grant approval process and began by following the grant review schedule.

**Public Policy**

**General Assembly Briefing Sessions, \$40,000** – Colby & Colby, grantee. Paul Jarvis presented to the committee their continuation grant for review. He briefly summarized the grant and he indicated he was pleased with its progress and stated he had no program issues. There were, however, some fiscal issues. Paul stated that he and Colby & Colby have tried to target the Outreach un/underserved component but was informed by the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) that it was considered lobbying and therefore, would have to target all participants. Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Karen Kerr **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Dara Walburn seconded, **motion** passed.

**Technology/Communication**

**Communication to Increase Public Awareness for People with Developmental Disabilities, \$60,000** – O’Neill Public Relations, Inc., grantee. Carla Cox presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. She briefly summarized the grant and informed the committee of a couple of small program

conditions she would request from the grantee. She also added that there were a couple of fiscal conditions as well. Lisa Wilkerson provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. Victor Wilson **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed.

## **Children/Health**

**Better Child Care for the Student with Developmental Disabilities, \$50,000** – University of Toledo, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant review for staff Kay Treanor. Fatica briefly summarized the grant and stated that Kay did not have any program conditions. Robin Shipp then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Victor Wilson **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed.

**Family Support in Early Intervention, \$100,000** – OACBDD, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant review for staff Kay Treanor. Fatica briefly summarized the grant and stated that Kay did not have any program conditions. Robin Shipp then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Blaine O’Leary **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Dara Walburn seconded, **motion** passed.

**Healthy Lifestyles for People with Disabilities, \$103,000** – Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant review for staff Kay Treanor. Leslie briefly summarized the grant and indicated there were no program conditions. Robin Shipp then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. James Plasencia **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Victor Wilson seconded, **motion** passed.

## **Employment**

**Employment Demonstrations/JobCom, \$40,000** - Goodwill Easter Seals of Miami Valley, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Leslie briefly summarized the grant and indicated there were no program conditions. During discussion, Blaine O’Leary mentioned that he would like to see more outreach from this grantee. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal

conditions. Karen Kerr **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Jill Radler seconded, **motion** passed.

Fatica informed the committee that to allow the schedule to run smoothly and because Leslie has two committees, she and Kenneth Latham would switch their presentation order. Leslie then continued after Employment with her Leadership grants.

## **Leadership**

**Empowering Self-Advocates/Best Buddies, Inc., 28,000** – Best Buddies, International, Inc, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. She briefly summarized the grant. Karen Kerr stated that she would like to attend or promote some grant activities but receives them too late. Leslie suggested the following condition be added to all Leadership Development Committee grants: “The panel would like the grantee to notify ODDC in a timely manner to promote upcoming events and/or if applicable and appropriate, provide notice of upcoming events for staff or Council members to attend.” Council staff will ensure events are placed on Council website and Events Calendar. Executive Committee agreed with condition. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. Karen Kerr **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed.

**Empowering Self-Advocates/Services for Independent Living, 31,000** – Services for Independent Living (SIL), grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Leslie briefly summarized the grant and the condition, “The panel would like the grantee to notify ODDC in a timely manner to promote upcoming events and/or if applicable and appropriate, provide notice of upcoming events for staff or council members to attend.” Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. Blaine O’Leary **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

**Empowering Self-Advocates/Ohio Self Determination Association, 44,000** – Ohio Self Determination Association, grantee. Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Leslie briefly summarized the grant and discussed the strong outreach this grantee has demonstrated through working to improve self-advocacy in the un/underserved areas by focusing on poverty counties and the condition “The panel would like the grantee to notify ODDC in a

timely manner to promote upcoming events and/or if applicable and appropriate, provide notice of upcoming events for staff or council members to attend.” Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. James Plasencia **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, Jill Radler seconded, **motion** passed.

## **Outreach**

**Expanding the Amish Community Project, \$50,000** - DDC Clinic Center for Special Needs Children, grantee. Kenneth Latham presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. He briefly summarized the grant and stated he was very pleased with the progress of the grant and had no program conditions. During discussion, Sue Willis mentioned she felt the Amish project was very valuable. She stated that any type of genetic testing is necessary and not just with the Amish community, but to anyone. Most importantly; the information is given to the parents. Fatica suggested that this grant should be considered high-profile and should receive an External Evaluation by either one of the UCEDD’s (Nisonger or Cincinnati Children’s) before the grant ends. Victor Wilson asked could Council find a way to provide additional funding or possibly move the grant to another committee. Chair Spargo suggested maybe make it a joint grant with Children/Health. Fatica added, first have the grantee say what they would do with the additional funding and then decide what to do with it. After the discussion concluded, Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Karen Kerr **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, Jill Radler seconded, **motion** passed.

**Bridging the Gap – ReachOut e-Diversity Newsletter, \$25,000** – Outcome Management Group, grantee. Kenneth Latham presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. He briefly summarized the grant and stated again he was pleased with the progress of the grant and had no program conditions. During discussion, Sue Willis said that she took a poll at the Grantee Gathering the day before of the different newsletters. She stated that the people at her table had not ever read the diversity newsletter. Sue said she was concerned if even Council members have been added to the distribution lists. Kenneth stated that he and the grantee would revisit the distribution of the newsletters. After the discussion concluded, Robin Shipp provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions Karen Kerr **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, James Plasencia seconded, **motion** passed.

**Sustaining the Triple Jeopardy Statewide Network, \$25,000** - Cassandra Archie, grantee. Kenneth Latham presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. He briefly summarized the grant and stated he had no program conditions. A lengthy discussion occurred when Sue Willis indicated that she had concerns about the Triple Jeopardy project. She stated that this grantee had been building a network for 15 years and asked where is the network? Kenneth explained to Sue and the committee that this project has been in different phases and the network phase was within the last five-year plan. The network that has been built is extremely effective and set up for sustainability beyond Ohio DD Council. The network is beyond individuals, but about different components, e.g., technology, universities, etc.

Sue stated, maybe the objective or the focus should be changed because the plan language states the network would be built up of 50 African-American women. Chair Spargo stated we will leave as is for now and revisit later. Other topics included in the discussion included Victor Wilson asking if the grantee was one person deep and did the grantee consider forming formal partnerships with different entities. Karen Kerr answered that it was included in their new grant application and the grantee explained her project details very well at the Grantee Gathering. After the discussion concluded it was requested that the Sustaining the Triple Jeopardy Statewide Network project receive an External Evaluation next year. Robin Shipp then provided fiscal conditions for the grant. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. Victor Wilson **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, Blaine O’Leary seconded, **motion** passed. Sue Willis opposed.

## **Community Living**

**Strengthening the Voices of Direct Support Professionals, \$25,000** – Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Fatica briefly summarized the grant and stated there were no program conditions. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. James Plasencia **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Blaine O’Leary seconded, **motion** passed.

**Maximizing Resources and Changing Public Policy for Housing for Adults with Disabilities, \$100,000** – Wild River Consulting, Inc., grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Fatica summarized the grant and a brief discussion occurred regarding universal design and outreach

to trade union contractors. Once the discussion concluded Fatica stated she had one program condition which was: “Create an ‘Objective’ that describes the strategies you will take to reach the un-underserved populations as articulated in your original application.” Then Lisa Wilkerson provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with conditions. Victor Wilson **moved** to approve the grant with conditions as stated, Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

**Hashtag Support for Aging Caregivers#, \$50,000** – Hamilton County DD Services, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Fatica briefly summarized the grant and said she had no program conditions. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Jill Radler **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Dara Walburn seconded, **motion** passed.

**Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for People with Disabilities Anytime, \$109,000** - Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review. Fatica briefly summarized the grant and said she had no program conditions. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. James Plasencia **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Victor Wilson seconded, **motion** passed.

**Partnership for Housing for People with Disabilities, \$50,000** - Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), grantee. Fatica Ayers presented to the committee the continuation grant for review Fatica briefly summarized the grant and said she had no program conditions. Lisa Wilkerson then provided fiscal conditions. Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions. Victor Wilson **moved** to approve the grant with fiscal conditions as stated, Karen Kerr seconded, **motion** passed.

## **Evaluation Forms**

Fatica distributed evaluation forms for committee members to complete. She asked that they turn them in before she left the meeting.

**Adjournment** - Chair Spargo then requested for a motion to adjourn.

James Plasencia **moved** to adjourn at 12:55 p.m., Blaine O’Leary seconded, **motion** passed.