

# OHID DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

## Executive Committee

May 5, 2016

Doubletree Hotel Newark

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## Minutes

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Kim Stults, Sue Willis, Jeff Turner, Neil Castilow, Paula Rabidoux, Marci Straughter, Jo Spargo and Heather McFarlin  
**Executive Committee Members Absent:** Mark Seifarth, Chair and Diane Cox  
**Other Member(s) Present:** Mindy Vance **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Carla Cox, Paul Jarvis, Fatica Ayers Robin Shipp and Gary Groom

Chairperson Kim Stults called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

### I. Approval of March 3, 2016 Minutes

Chairperson Stults asked the Executive Committee members for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. There was no discussion and Sue Willis moved to approve the March 3, 2016 minutes as written, Jeff Turner seconded, **motion** carried. Jo Spargo, Mindy Vance and Paula Rabidoux abstained.

### II. Discretionary Fund Requests

Chairperson Stults turned the meeting over to Carolyn Knight to discuss the discretionary fund requests received for approval. Carolyn spoke briefly about the process of submitting requests in a timely manner. She was concerned with the receipt of a request prior to an upcoming Council meeting and the amount of time available for Council members to review prior to the meeting. Carolyn stated that she would like to revisit the overall process at the September meeting to discuss submission cut-off dates, application clarification and the actual application questions.

- **Services for Independent Living**

Carolyn stated that this request is an additional request based on recent transportation forums to determine what can be done about transportation needs for people with disabilities. She informed the committee that the intent

of this specific forum is to bring together stakeholder groups at a statewide level impacted by transportation issues, to identify ways to bring about needed change in our communities and in Ohio, to impact state budget and policy in the next budget cycle and to identify members interested in an ongoing statewide Transportation Coalition. The forum is slated to be held on October 6, 2016. Chairperson Stults asked for a motion to approve the request. Neil Castilow moved to approve the Services for Independent Living request for \$9,033, Sue Willis seconded, **motion** passed.

- **Bringing Good Life Training to Self-Advocates and their Partners**

Carolyn summarized the project to Executive Committee. She spoke about the history of MEORC and their expertise with collaboration; particularly recognizing the importance of community inclusion and relationship building. The requested funds will support the training costs for a 6 person core team that will work together to ensure the 3-pronged approach of PCT, TIC and Good Life which will be incorporated in trainings for self-advocates and their partners. Chairperson Stults asked for a motion to approve the request. Jeff Turner moved to approve Bringing Good Life Training to Self-Advocates and their Partners for \$15,000, Heather McFarlin seconded, **motion** passed.

During discussion, Jeff Turner and Marci Straughter stated they would like to participate in this program. Jo Spargo mentioned that she was aware of the Good Life Training and that it was a good program.

- **Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP's)**

Carolyn briefly summarized the collaboration of the OADSP's and the Ohio Provider Resource Association involving a pilot program they launched called the Community Connections Career Partnership – Ohio in August 2015. In conjunction with this program another opportunity evolved that will allow OADSP to grant three students and one instructor the ability to travel to Washington DC for a program run by a non-profit group called “*Close Up*”. The program is designed to give students and educators an inside look at their democracy in action. The requested funds cover expenses for the three students and instructor. Chairperson Stults asked for a motion to approve the request. Robin Shipp, Staff, asked that the committee approves the request with the condition to increase the match for the grant request. Paula Rabidoux moved to approve Ohio Alliance of Direct Support

Professionals for \$5,000 with the condition to increase their match amount, Heather McFarlin seconded, **motion** passed.

During discussion, Chairperson Stults and Sue Willis mentioned this program could open opportunities of internship possibilities with the legislators. Paula stated that she did not quite understand the application and was concerned that if Carolyn had not explained it she would not have been able to determine exactly what the applicant requested. Paula also added that the applications received did not cover the outreach requirement. Carolyn then reiterated that this would be addressed in September when reviewing the overall Discretionary Funds process.

### **III. July Council Meeting – Commissioner Aaron Bishop Attending**

Carolyn Knight informed Executive Committee members that Commissioner Bishop will be attending the July Council Meeting and the format of the meeting will be different. Commissioner Bishop will be in town with a couple of his staff on Wednesday and Thursday. Council will conduct a joint meeting with Ohio Statewide Independent Living Centers. On Wednesday, it is the plan for the Commissioner to meet with Council partners, DRO, UCEDDs, and possibly the Director of DODD. On Thursday, each group, ODDC and OSILC will have an hour each to conduct an abbreviated business meeting. The groups will break for lunch and then reconvene for the Commissioner to speak. There will be no committee meetings on Thursday. The meeting should run to about 4p and everyone will be released with no meeting on Friday. Council members may stay overnight on Wednesday night for the meetings on Thursday.

Commissioner Bishop has expressed that he would like to stream the meeting across all states because he felt the collaborative structure of the meeting would be considered historic. Paula asked if the Commissioner would be facilitating the discussion and if all the Ohio Network partners would be in attendance. Carolyn answered that the partners would be in attendance but was not sure about the Commissioner facilitating. Paula stated that it would be worth having a facilitator. Carolyn stated that she would talk to the Commissioner and Chairman Seifarth because he plans to bring two staff persons with him. Sue Willis added that she would also like to hear from him addressing Council.

Chairperson Stults then asked the committee if there was any other business. Seeing there was none, he then asked for a motion to adjourn.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Jo Spargo moved to adjourn at 6:17p.m. Paula Rabidoux seconded, **motion** passed.