

# OHID DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

## Executive Committee

September 14, 2017

Doubletree Hotel - Newark

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Newark, OH 43055

## Minutes

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Mark Seifarth, Chair, Jo Spargo, Jeff Turner, Sue Willis, Paula Rabidoux, Karen Kerr, Heather McFarlin, and Marci Straughter **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Carla Cox, Paul Jarvis, Robin Shipp, Fatica Ayers and Gary Groom

Chair Seifarth called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

### I. Approval of Minutes

Chair Seifarth ask the Executive Committee members for a motion to approve the July 13, 2017, minutes. Jeff Turner **moved** to approve the minutes, Marci Straughter seconded, **motion** carried. Paula Rabidoux and Sue Willis abstained.

### II. Discretionary Fund Requests

Chair Seifarth then turned the meeting over to Carolyn Knight to discuss the discretionary fund request received for approval from the Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA). Carolyn briefly explained to the committee that anytime a request is received within the same fiscal year and exceeds \$2,000 it must be approved by the Executive Committee. OSDA's request fell within the same fiscal year of a funding request made in 2016 and therefore, will require approval.

- **Ohio Self-Determination Association**

Ohio Self-Determination Association requested \$2,000 to assist with expenses for the 2017 Synergy Conference and to support self-advocates.

Sue Willis **moved** to approve OSDA's Discretionary Fund Request for \$2,000 to assist with expenses for the 2017 Synergy Conference and to support self-advocates. Heather McFarlin seconded, **motion** passed.

### **III. 2018 DD Awareness & Advocacy Day – Continuation Grant Review Approval**

Chair Seifarth turned the meeting over to Paul Jarvis, Council Staff, to discuss the DD Awareness & Advocacy Day Continuation Grant

Paul briefly provided background information regarding the grantee, Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA), and the outcome of the 2017 DD Awareness & Advocacy Day grant. The Awareness Day had a large number of attendees and registration filled up rapidly. Unfortunately, this year the grantee did not have an accurate count of who actually attended. The numbers of those who registered versus those that attended were not accurately captured.

Karen Kerr asked what research was being done in regards to the attendees since valid data is needed. She asked what will the grantee do to ensure they capture accurate numbers? Paul answered stating there is a plan in place and OPRA will work to ensure they obtain that data. Paul then asked Robin Shipp, Fiscal Staff to discuss any fiscal issues.

Robin stated there was one condition. OPRA would have to remove the purchase of T-shirts and provide a budget revision because the T-shirts are considered a promotional item and not allowed by the federal authorities. After discussion was completed, Marci Straughter **moved** to approve the 2018 DD Awareness and Advocacy Day grant with conditions as stated. Jeff Turner seconded, **motion** carried.

### **IV. Council Policy #00-18 Revolving Door**

Members were given a copy of Council Policy #00-18 Revolving Door which prohibits Council members from receiving compensation for any services from a grantee.

Chair Seifarth explained that it had been brought to the attention of the executive director that two Council members were receiving compensation from a grantee for acting as trainers for people with developmental disabilities.

The Chair requested a change in Council's policy so that no Council members would be in violation of any Council policy. The Chair also requested that the policy change be valid only until the next Council meeting on December 7, 2017,

giving the Director an opportunity to pursue the matter with the DODD legal staff. The matter would be revisited at the December Executive meeting.

The Revolving Door Policy #00-18 was revised to include the following two new bullets along with an expiration date of December 15, 2017.

- Except that Council members with developmental disabilities shall be permitted to accept payment for advocacy, training, or employment opportunities which contribute to their personal growth and development as long as such payment does not involve Council funds.
- Any Council member with developmental disabilities who received any form of non-Council dollars from a Council grantee must refrain from participating in any discussion or decision-making activities regarding that grantee.

Chair Seifarth asked for a motion to approve the temporary version of the Revolving Door Policy #00-18 through December 15, 2017. Karen Kerr **moved** to approve Council Policy #00-18, Revolving Door temporary version through December 15, 2017. Jo Spargo seconded, **motion** carried. Marci Straughter and Jeff Turner abstained.

Chair Seifarth then asked for a motion to adjourn.

## **V. Adjournment**

Heather McFarlin **moved** to adjourn at 6:23p.m. Jo Spargo seconded, **motion** passed.