

**Public Policy Committee Minutes**  
**GoToMeeting Video Conference**  
**March 26, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

X	Jean Jakovlic, Chair	
X	Michael Richards, Vice Chair	
X	Michael Denlinger	Paula Rabidoux
X	Jackie George	Jill Radler
	Pamela Green	X Rhonda Rich
X	Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X Ilka Riddle
	Matt Harrison	X Kerstin Sjoberg
X	Courtney Hineman	X Mark Smith
X	Emilia Jackson	Brian Veith
X	Ellie Jazi	X Mandy Via
X	Vicki Jenkins	Dara Walburn
	Shannon Komisarek	
	Bobbi Krabill	
	James Plasencia	

**Other Council Members/Guests Present**

Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio)  
Scott Marks (OPRA)

**Staff:**

Paul Jarvis	Fatica Ayers
Carolyn Knight	Robin Shipp
Gary Groom	Carla Cox
Gilbrina Dillon	

**Call to Order:**

Chairwoman Rich called the committee to order at 10:02 a.m. Attendance was determined by a roll call.

**Minutes:**

Chairwoman Jakovlic called for approval of the minutes. Michael Denlinger moved the minutes be approved as drafted. Jackie George seconded the motion. Without any objections, the minutes were approved as drafted.

## **New Business**

Chairwoman Jakovlic moved to the new business on the agenda to accommodate early departures for some members. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with an update on the public comments received on the Public Policy Committee proposed projects. Jarvis reviewed all public comments before the committee weighed in on any proposed changes to plan language based on public input.

Courtney Hineman, Ilka Riddle, Jean Jakovlic, and Kerstin Sjoberg discussed options related to the VALUE of PWD grant, particularly related to including a statement in the plan language that required the grant to include people with developmental disabilities. Fatica Ayers stated the grant application does require projects to indicate how people with disabilities would be included in the project, however, Paul Jarvis indicated the project was a non-competitive allocation that would not result in a formal review of the application itself.

Michael Denlinger made a motion to amend the VALUE of PWD plan language to include a statement requiring the project include, at a minimum, people with developmental disabilities. Kerstin Sjoberg, Ilka Riddle and Vicki Jenkins asked questions and provided comments about the proposed change. Once all questions were answered, Kerstin Sjoberg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Paul Jarvis asked the committee to consider a technical change to the plan language for the Federal Legislative Advocacy Partnership, indicating the plan language should not identify specific organizations, but allow any grantee selected to build a coalition of organizations that would be able to go to Washington DC. Ilka Riddle made a motion to amend the plan language to eliminate the names of specific organizations. Michael Denlinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairwoman Jakovlic asked if there were any other items on the agenda that required a vote. Matt Harrison asked if Council would be participating in the National Disability Policy Seminar in Washington DC this year. Paul Jarvis indicated there was no plan for the event to occur in person, however, the event would be hosted as a virtual event that Council members could participate in. Jarvis indicated that he would not be participating and Chairwoman Jakovlic indicated she would not be participating in the virtual seminar. Other members who have expressed an interest in participating and having Council pay for the registration costs included Courtney Hineman and Rachel Rice. Jarvis stated the rule would already cover the participation of Michael Denlinger as Chairperson of Council. Matt Harrison asked that his name be included in the names submitted for participation and payment.

Ellie Jazi made a motion to approve participation in the Disability Policy Seminar for Courtney Hineman, Rachel Rice and Matt Harrison. Mandi Via seconded the motion. Michael Denlinger asked if he needed to abstain and Paul Jarvis indicated he was not

included in the motion so he could vote. Carolyn Knight indicated the cost was minimal because the event was virtual. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. Matt Harrison and Courtney Hineman abstained.

Chairwoman Jakovlic asked Paul Jarvis to discuss the upcoming grant reviews. Paul Jarvis asked for volunteers for each of the two grant review panels. Kerstin Sjoberg, Ellie Jazi, Jean Jakovlic, Rhonda Rich, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, and Mandy Via volunteered to serve on the review panels.

Chairwoman Jakovlic invited Scott Marks to give his presentation on the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day grant. Marks provided the committee with an overview of the event that occurred in early March. Marks provided the committee with a review of the planning process that included a planning committee, a review of registration data to identify topics for discussion, the development of a one-page brief and the identification of the day's theme: Support the Essentials. The event also featured a program with Director Jeff Davis as a speaker and included a panel of the Tech Ambassadors to talk about technology as an essential service during the pandemic. The keynote speaker was Dr. Kara Ayers from the University of Cincinnati who talked about health equity.

Marks also outlined how legislative visits were conducted via Zoom. Marks indicated there were participants from 110 legislative districts and the grant was able to schedule 96 out of 110 meetings. As a result of last minute cancellations, a total of 78 or 79 meetings occurred.

Carolyn Knight asked how many counties were represented. Marks indicated they covered almost the entire state. Knight asked if there was any feedback from legislators. Marks indicated legislative feedback was pretty positive. They did follow up with every office. Michael Denlinger, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Jean Jakovlic, Ellie Jazi, Paul Jarvis all provided comments on the virtual aspect of the day.

### **Old Business:**

Chairwoman Jakovlic moved to the next item on the agenda, Old Business. Paul Jarvis provided an update on House Bill 31 (Accessible Parking), House Bill 120 (Long Term Care Visitation), House Bill 162 (Derogatory Language), Senate Bill 17 (SNAP Eligibility – Photo ID), Senate Bill 111 (CARES Act Funding – DD Board Schools), the state transportation budget and the state operating budget (HB 110).

Chairwoman Jakovlic asked for an update on the DD Caucus. Paul Jarvis reported the DD Caucus was scheduled to meet on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> virtually. He has been assisting Senator Brenner with invitations and announcements.

Jackie George asked a question related to federal legislation on Home and Community Based Services and whether it included language related to sub-minimum wages. Paul Jarvis responded that he had not seen the language included in the HCBS bill.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the committee, Jackie Rigutto made a motion to adjourn. Michael Denlinger seconded the motion. Without objection, the committee adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Committee:		<i>Public Policy</i>		Date:	<i>3/26/2021</i>
Motion:		To amend the VALUE of PWD plan language to include a minimum requirement that people with developmental disabilities are included in the project. (Denlinger/Sjoberg)			
Member	Present	Yes	No	Abstain	
DENLINGER, Michael	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GEORGE, Jackie	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GREEN, Pamela	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HALL-ROLLINS, Rochelle	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HARRISON, Matt	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HINEMAN, Courtney	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JACKSON, Emilia	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JAZI, Ellie	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JENKINS, Vicki	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
KOMISAREK, Shannon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
KRABILL, Bobbi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PLASENCIA, James	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RABIDOUX, Paula	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RADLER, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RICH, Rhonda	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RICHARDS, Michael	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RIDDLE, Ilka	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SJOBERG, Kerstin	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SMITH, Mark	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VEITH, Brian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VIA, Mandy	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WALBURN, Dara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JAKOVLIC, Jean (Chair)	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>TOTAL</b>					

The above stated motion WAS APPROVED

The above stated motion WAS NOT APPROVED

Committee:		<i>Public Policy</i>		Date:	<i>3/26/2021</i>
Motion:		To amend the FLAP plan language to remove specific disability organizations. (Riddle/Denlinger)			
Member	Present	Yes	No	Abstain	
DENLINGER, Michael	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GEORGE, Jackie	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GREEN, Pamela	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HALL-ROLLINS, Rochelle	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HARRISON, Matt	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HINEMAN, Courtney	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JACKSON, Emilia	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JAZI, Ellie	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JENKINS, Vicki	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
KOMISAREK, Shannon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
KRABILL, Bobbi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PLASENCIA, James	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RABIDOUX, Paula	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RADLER, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RICH, Rhonda	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RICHARDS, Michael	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RIDDLE, Ilka	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SJOBERG, Kerstin	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SMITH, Mark	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VEITH, Brian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VIA, Mandy	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WALBURN, Dara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
JAKOVLIC, Jean (Chair)	√	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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