

Public Policy Committee Minutes
Embassy Suites Hotel
Dublin, Ohio
July 12, 2019
9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Members Present:

X	Dara Walburn, Chair		
X	Lori Kershner, Vice Chair		
X	Michael Denlinger		Jill Radler
X	Morgan Gattermyer	X	Rhonda Rich
X	Pamela Green	X	Michael Richards
X	Matt Harrison	X	Ilka Riddle
X	Emilia Jackson		Mark Smith
	Jean Jakovlic	X	Jo Spargo
X	Vicki Jenkins	X	Mindy Vance
X	Karen Kerr	X	Brandon White
X	Shannon Komisarek		Sue Willis
X	Bobbi Krabill	X	Victor Wilson
X	Laura Leach		
	Blaine O’Leary		Diane Cox (SA)
X	James Plasencia		
	Paula Rabidoux		

Other Council Members/Guests Present

Marci Straughter	Linda Kunick
Rachel Rice	Beth Graham
Brenda Brandon	Mark Seifarth
Christine Brown	Connie Mehlman
Eric Rathburn	Billie McAleer
Casper Shahan	
Debbie Kunick	

Staff:

Paul Jarvis
Carolyn Knight

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Walburn called the committee to order at 9:17 a.m. Introductions were offered.

Minutes:

Chairwoman Walburn called for approval of the minutes. Pamela Green moved the minutes be approved as drafted. James Plasencia seconded the motion. Mark Seifarth asked for a correction to his wife's last name. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Bobbi Krabill abstained.

Old Business:

Chairwoman Walburn moved to the first item on the agenda, legislative update. Paul Jarvis gave the committee an update on changes to the state budget since the last time the committee met. Mark Seifarth also gave an update on the items contained in the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities budget. Pamela Green, Laura Leach, Jo Spargo, Rhonda Rich all discussed the DSP wage increase and the Non-Medical Transportation rate increase and the Informed Choice language. Laura Leach advised the committee of probable timelines for effective dates. Shannon Komisarek provided additional information on the OOD budget related to drug courts around the state. Carolyn Knight also asked questions related to drug court language. Mark Seifarth also reminded the committee the 29th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act would be July 26th. Seifarth stated there would be webinar on July 30th and that more information about the ADA anniversary could be found at www.adainfo.org.

Chairwoman Walburn moved to the next item on the agenda, the State Plan Language for 2020. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with copies of all three projects for the Public Policy Committee. Jarvis said the committee was supposed to approve plan language in May, but he did not bring it then. He outlined a few changes to the plan language, identifying a change in the performance measure under the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day project. The change reduced from 100 to 50 the number of family members expected to participate in the project. Jarvis said the change more closely reflected actual participation, but was still higher than previous years. He also reminded members that funding under the Data and Policy Research grant was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for 2020, a decision that was made in previous meetings of the committee.

Rhonda Rich made a motion to approve the state plan language as presented. Lori Kershner seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. There were no abstentions.

New Business:

Chairwoman Walburn moved to the next item on the agenda, Washington DC Trip for 2019. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with copies of all of the applications received to attend the DC trip. He also outlined the draft agenda, to include travel on the morning of September 25, briefing sessions in the afternoon of the 25th, and visits with legislators on the 26th, with a final wrap up meeting the evening of the 26th. Jarvis stated that he has

met with Jeremy Morris from OSILC and they have decided the plan will be to have each individual meet with their congressman, to serve as backup in one other meeting, and to meet with one US Senator. This approach provides that all participants will attend 3 Capitol Hill meetings.

Jarvis outlined all of the applications that were received. There were 14 applications submitted by Council Members and Special Advisors. Jarvis indicated that if he attended, that would be potentially 15 attendees, which is a lot more than the 10 planned for. Mindy Vance asked if there was enough money in the budget for all 15 applicants to attend. Jarvis clarified that funding may be available in the grant, if all of the hotel rooms are booked. Rhonda Rich asked to identify the individuals who have applied that have been to Washington DC before. Jarvis responded with the names of the members who have attended the Disability Policy Seminar on behalf of Council. Pamela Green asked if it would be appropriate to look at the congressional breakdown of participants to see if the committee could narrow down the number. Karen Kerr asked if sending all 15 would work under the new format Council was following. Jarvis responded that having too many people may create challenges keeping Hill visits to less than 5 people. Lori Kershner commented that keeping legislative meetings to a manageable size was important. Michael Denlinger noted the application could have asked what types of support a person would need in order to attend. Denlinger also commented that her preferred smaller meeting groups with legislators. Ilka Riddle noted that Special Advisors are not actually Council Members, and she suggested eliminating them from consideration to get the number down to 12 applicants plus the staff. Jo Spargo noted that some of the applications seemed to focus on personal issues and that anyone selected should spend time on Council issues. Carolyn suggested that Council approve all of the applicants except for the two special advisors.

Mindy Vance made a motion to approve the applications for the six self advocates and six family members who are members of Council to attend the Washington, DC trip. Morgan Gattermyer seconded the motion. Linda Kunick asked for clarification on the motion at hand and Paul Jarvis explained that if the motion passed, Linda would not be able to go to Washington DC. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Matt Harrison, Michael Denlinger, Jo Spargo, Dara Walburn, Lori Kershner, Victor Wilson, and Karen Kerr abstained from the vote.

Chairwoman Walburn moved to the next item on the agenda, the Data and Policy Research Topics. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with 25 topics for consideration, based on the ideas developed by Council and by discussions with others. Ilka Riddle asked that Jarvis provide his insight into whether the topic or question would be an appropriate research topic for this grant. Jarvis reviewed the research topics provided in the packet. Ilka Riddle, Carolyn Knight, Jo Spargo, Mindy Vance, Pamela Green, Rhonda Rich, Vicki Jenkins, Laura Leach, Lori Kershner all discussed some of the topics included. Due to time constraints, Jarvis asked the committee if he could suggest 3 topics for them to pick from. Jarvis provided the committee with information on a study related to employee resource network, a study related to parents with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and a study related to the number of people who may lose

Medicaid due to working and building a retirement account. Michael Denlinger, Mark Seifarth, Lori Kershner, Mindy Vance, Ilka Riddle, and Rhonda Rich all commented on the topics under discussion. The committee held an informal vote on the three topics. Following the informal vote, Victor Wilson made a motion to make the Employer Resource Network as the topic for the Data and Policy Research grant. Michael Denlinger seconded the motion. Ilka Riddle made a comment on the topic being selected. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. There were no abstentions.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the committee, Morgan Gattermyer made a motion to adjourn. James Plasencia seconded the motion. Without objection, the committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.