

Public Policy Committee Minutes
GoToMeeting Video Conference
September 18, 2020
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:

X	Jean Jakovlic, Chair		
X	Michael Denlinger	X	Paula Rabidoux
	Morgan Gattermyer		Jill Radler
X	Jackie George	X	Rhonda Rich
X	Pamela Green	X	Michael Richards
X	Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X	Ilka Riddle
X	Matt Harrison	X	Kerstin Sjoberg
X	Emilia Jackson		Mark Smith
X	Ellie Jazi	X	Jo Spargo
X	Vicki Jenkins	X	Marci Straughter
X	Karen Kerr		Dara Walburn
X	Shannon Komisarek		Brandon White
X	Bobbi Krabill		Victor Wilson
	Blaine O’Leary		
	James Plasencia		

Other Council Members/Guests Present

Rachel Rice	Christine Brown
Eric Rathburn	Jeremy Morris
Mark Seifarth	

Staff:

Paul Jarvis	Gilbrina Dillon
Carolyn Knight	Robin Shipp
Carla Cox	Fatica Ayers
Rebecca Bates	Kim Shoaf
Gary Groom	

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Jakovlic called the committee to order at 10:33 a.m. Attendance was determined by a roll call.

Minutes:

Chairwoman Jakovlic called for approval of the minutes. Ellie Jazi moved the minutes be approved as drafted. Michael Richards seconded the motion. Without any objections, the minutes were approved as drafted.

Old Business:

Chairwoman Jakovlic moved to old business on the agenda. She asked Paul Jarvis to provide the committee with an update on legislative activities. Jarvis updated the committee on pending legislation for accessible parking placards, an amendment on food service licensing exemption for people with developmental disabilities and an amendment to expand the use of teleconferencing and video-conferencing for all individuals with disabilities to participate as board members on all boards and commissions. He also updated the committee on the Home and Community Based Services Coalition's letter to the current administration that seeks maintained or additional funding in the next budget. Jarvis also provided an update on the hospital care rationing issue, the join-state webinar on STABLE Accounts being conducted with Massachusetts and the status of federal appropriations.

Kerstin Sjoberg asked if there was more information on the intent of the change for accessible placards to be issued without a prescription by health care professionals. Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked for more information on that issue. Eric Rathburn asked if the teleconference amendment required the legislature to accept testimony via teleconference or video conference. Vicki Jenkins asked if the amendment would apply to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule and Review. Michael Denlinger asked if questions submitted for the STABLE Accounts event would be able to be asked by participants. Eric Rathburn commented and asked a question about the federal funding bill and if Council was permitted to spend money beyond the normal deadline. Gary Groom provided clarification on extending spending authority for 1 year.

New Business:

Chairwoman Jakovlic moved to the next item on the agenda, proposed projects for the next 5-Year Plan. Paul Jarvis provided the committee with an outline of his proposal for funding grants intermittently over the next five years to maximize funding for certain projects. Jarvis outlined proposed funding for the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day, General Assembly Briefing Sessions, VALUE of People with Disabilities Grant and Data and Policy Research Grant. He informed the committee that he did not draft language around the Federal Legislative Advocacy Partnership (FLAP) because he needed more guidance on whether the committee wanted to pursue the project or use the funds for something else. Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Jackie George, Jeremy Morris, Kerstin Sjoberg, Michael Denlinger, Carolyn Knight, Jo Spargo, Karen Kerr all provided input and ideas about whether to fund the FLAP project or whether to use the funds for other ideas.

Jarvis then reviewed with the committee the draft proposals for the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day Project, General Assembly Briefing Sessions, Public Policy Research Grants, VALUE of People with Disabilities grant projects. Christine Brown asked a

question about the GAB Session grant. Mark Seifarth provided additional information on the VALUE of PWD grant. Kerstin Sjoberg asked questions related to the VALUE grant. Jarvis indicated he would seek clarification on Sjoberg's question with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities. Shannon Komisarek also provided additional information about OOD's budget. Ellie Jazi also suggested talking to DAS. Pam Green, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, and Mark Seifarth all provided additional comments on the project.

Jarvis stated he would draft up the different options discussed by the committee for the Federal Legislative Advocacy Partnership grant or an adjustment to the GAB Session grants.

Jarvis provided the committee with an updated on the Data and Policy Research Grant for 2021, saying that three entities have indicated interest in applying for the grant. He stated that he needed one more Council member to serve on the grant review panel, scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020. Kerstin Sjoberg volunteered to serve on the panel.

Chairwoman Jakovlic asked if there were any announcements. Jarvis asked if there were any Council members who would want to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in the Spring of 2021 if they do end up having the event. Michael Denlinger asked for clarification about whether to submit an application not knowing who the Chair of Council is. Matt Harrison and Michael Denlinger and Marci Straughter all requested applications for the Disability Policy Seminar.

Jarvis also asked if the committee could meet in October. Chairwoman Jakovlic stated an October meeting would be a good idea.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the committee, Michael Denlinger made a motion to adjourn. Marci Straughter seconded the motion. Without objection, the committee adjourned at 11:58 a.m.