



**Technology and Communication
Committee Meeting Minutes
Crowne Plaza North, Columbus, Ohio
July 13, 2018**

Committee Members:

Name	In attendance
Marci Straughter, Chair	X
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	
Morgan Gattermeyer	X
Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X
Matt Harrison	X
Heather McFarlin	
Blaine O'Leary	X
Paula Rabidoux	
Jill Radler	X
Ilka Riddle	
Mindy Vance	
Dara Walburn	X
Sue Willis	X
Carla Cox (staff)	X
Kim Crishbaum (staff)	X

Others in Attendance:

Other Council Members/Special Advisors: Brenda Brandon, Jean Jakovlic, James Plasencia, Michael Richards, Jo Spargo, Renee Wood

Staff: Carolyn Knight

Guests: Christine Brown (Nisonger), Billie McAleerb (PCA), Betsy O'Leary (PCA), Eric Rathburn (AT Ohio), Devika Rao (O'Neill Communications), Julia Sims (PCA), Ken Smith (Rest Assured), Jordan Wagner (Nisonger Center)

Introduction

Chairperson Straughter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and introductions were made. The May 2018 minutes were presented for approval. Jill Radler **motioned** to accept the minutes. Morgan Gattermeyer seconded, the **motion** passed.

Chairperson Straughter talked about her experience attending the signing of the Governor's Executive Order establishing Ohio as a Technology First State. She also shared that she now has an Amazon Alexa and has found it very useful.

Ken Smith, Director of Development at Rest Assured

Ken Smith from Rest Assured, a company that provides remote monitoring supports, gave a presentation. He started by telling the differences between assistive technology and remote supports. He described remote supports as "staffing at a distance" and that assistive technology are the tools to provide support. He said that there is always still a need for a direct support provider in remote monitoring situations.

Ken shared information about a new rule from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities that is expected to be in effect January 1, 2019 will include remote supports equipment as a type of assistive technology that would be covered under the rule. He also provided a summary of events that have happened around assistive technology, including the Ohio Tech Summit, Technology First Executive Order, and the above-mentioned new Assistive Technology rule and the revised Remote Supports rule. In addition, he provided information about an event happening October 15, 2018 in Cincinnati called Tech:Fest. It is being put on by Disability Cocoon. More information can be found at www.disabilitycocoon.com.

Ken answered several questions from the audience and asked people to send their resources, information, or additional questions to him at ksmith@restassuredsystem.com.

Technology Grants Updates

Kim Crishbaum, ODDC staff, provided an update on the following assistive technology grant.

- *Assessing Assistive Technology Service Delivery in the Ohio County Board of Developmental Disabilities System:* This grant concluded, and the final report was received from the grantee (OCALI) at the end of April. The report is currently under review.

- *Identification of Assistive Technology Lending Programs in Ohio*: This grant concluded, and the final report was received from the grantee (OCALI) at the end of June. The report is currently under review.
- *Telehealth Services in Assistive Technology*: The grantee (AT Center at OSU's Wexner Center) asked for a no-cost time extension from September 30, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Carolyn Knight approved the request. Since it is a no-cost extension, and is the first extension requested by the grantee, Carolyn has the authority to approve it without vote from the Committee and Council.

Devika Rao, O'Neill Communications

Devika Rao, President of O'Neill Communications which is our Public Awareness grantee, gave a presentation to update the Committee on the work O'Neill has done since in received the grant in 2017. Due to time constraints, she was not able to complete her presentation. Devika asked that Council members share news and updates from their local communities for inclusion in Council's newsletter, Facebook page, and more.

New Business

Blaine O'Leary suggested that the Committee consider in the future a grant that would address how to use technology without having to be connected to the Internet.

Kim Crishbaum pointed out three handouts given to Committee members about different technology-related news.

- Executive Summary of a White Paper published by Nisonger on remote supports in Ohio.
- Information sheet about the call for applications to Nisonger from county boards of developmental disabilities and councils of government for \$20,000 mini grants.
- AT Act Data Brief that described the charge of the federally-mandated Assistive Technology programs in each state. AT Ohio is Ohio's federally-mandated program.

Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Dara Walbun to adjourn. Morgan Gattemeyer seconded the **motion**. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.