



# Technology and Communication Committee

September 13, 2019  
Embassy Suites - Dublin  
5100 Upper Metro Place  
Dublin, Ohio 43017  
10:50am - 12:20pm

## Minutes

### Members present

- X Michael Denlinger
- X Morgan Gattermeyer (Vice Chair)
- X Rochelle Hall-Rollins (Chair)
- X Matt Harrison  
Blaine O'Leary
- X Paula Rabidoux  
Jill Radler
- X Rachel Rice  
Ilka Riddle
- X Marci Straughter
- X Mindy Vance
- X Dara Walburn
- X Sue Willis  
Victor Wilson

### Staff present

Carla Cox  
Kim Crishbaum  
Carolyn Knight

### Other council members present

Brenda Brandon  
Kellie Brown (CBDD representative)  
James Plasencia  
Mark Seifarth (special advisor)  
Renee Wood (special advisor)

## **Guests present**

Christine Brown  
Ellen Hudson  
Debbie Kunick  
Linda Kunick  
Billie McAleer  
Connie Mehlman  
Deborah Pennington  
Devika Rao  
Eric Rathburn  
Casper Shahan  
Jordan Wagner  
Jeanette Welch

### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

- A. Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:55 AM with introductions.

### **II. Approval of the meeting minutes**

- A. Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked for a **motion** to accept the July 12, 2019 Technology & Communication Committee minutes.
- Michael Denlinger **moved** to accept the minutes.
  - Rachel Rice seconded the motion.
  - July 12, 2019 minutes were **approved**. Rochelle Hall-Rollins and Paula Rabidoux abstained.

### **III. Assistive Technology of Ohio (AT Ohio)**

Presenter: Eric Rathburn, Legislative Liaison, AT Ohio

- A. Eric Rathburn gave an update on AT Ohio's program that lends telepresence robots to schools and hospitals for use by children who are not able to attend school in person due to a major illness or disability. They currently have 21 robots with most of those being used right now. He provided several examples of how they are being used, including with children with developmental disabilities. He also talked about some of the issues they have had. Last year, the DD Council provided funding to AT Ohio to purchase several robots.

#### IV. State Plan Language

- A. Kim Crishbaum presented State Plan language to provide funding for the TechSummit Conference 2020 hosted by the Nisonger Center and AT Ohio. The conference will be held in June 2020. The amount of the grant is \$40,000.
- Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked for a **motion** to approve the TechSummit 2020 grant for \$40,000.
  - Michael Denlinger **moved** to approve the TechSummit Conference 2020 State Plan Language for \$40,000.
  - Morgan Gattermeyer seconded the motion.
  - Motion **approved**. Paula Rabidoux abstained.
- B. Kim Crishbaum presented a State Plan Amendment to the “Communication to Increase Public Awareness for People with Disabilities” grant. The grantee, O’Neill Communications, requested \$20,000 in additional funding to support their work in developing a social media campaign with the Transportation Coalition. This six-month project would begin January 1, 2020.
- Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked for a **motion** to approve the State Plan Amendment for the Public Awareness grantee to receive \$20,000 in additional funding to work with the Transportation Coalition on a social media campaign.
  - Morgan Gattermeyer **moved** to approve the State Plan Amendment for \$20,000.
  - Rachel Rice seconded the motion.
  - Motion **approved**.

#### V. Ideas for Letter of Support to InnovateOhio and Connect Ohio

- A. The committee discussed issues that organizations and government agencies should now about in regard to people with developmental disabilities and technology. The two organizations to target the message to are InnovateOhio and Connect Nation Ohio. The biggest issue is not being able to access a reliable, high-speed Internet service that is also affordable, especially in rural areas of Ohio. The committee felt that partnering with the Department of Aging would be helpful. Carolyn Knight suggested that we invite InnovateOhio and Connect Nation Ohio to the March meeting for a discussion.

## VI. Announcements

- A. Jordan Wagner from the Nisonger Center shared information about “The Big Table” that Nisonger hosted in August. The discussion was about ideas for what an interactive smart home model should include in order to be most helpful to people with disabilities and their families. Committee members provided input for Jordan, too.
- B. Marci Straughter shared that Ohio at Home/MedforAll now has an app intended to be used by providers and consumers to communicate more efficiently.
- C. Morgan Gattermeyer shared that a friend who is blind is having a hard time finding housing that meets his needs. Committee members provided information to share with the friend.
- D. Christine Brown stated that remote support usage is over 500 people and assistive technology purchases are over 1,000 people. This is based on information provided to her by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.
- E. Casper Shahan brought up safety issues with vans and buses that are used for transportation of people with disabilities. He expressed the need for stronger regulations, such as those required for school buses.

## VII. Adjournment

- A. Rochelle Hall-Rollins asked for a **motion** to adjourn the meeting.
  - Morgan Gattermeyer **moved** to adjourn.
  - Matt Harrison seconded.
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

**Next meeting:** March 6, 2019

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