



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2015**  
**150 E. Campus Blvd.**  
**Columbus, OH 43235**  
**Ken Campbell Conference Room**

Attendees:

Matt Sauer, Chair
Judy Sauer, PA
Chuck Beatty, member
Bryan Grubb, member
Tonya Grubb, PA
Harry Prestanski, member
Victoria Willford, member
Kevin Willford, PA
Julie Roberts, member
Brian Kellett, member
Christine Brown, member
Melinda Kale, member
Marshall Kimmel, member
David Zwyer, guest
Kathy Coate-Ortiz, speaker
Jane Allinder, interpreter
Kristen Reed , interpreter DSC
Donna Foster, staff
Derek Mortland, speaker
PRI court reporter

Introductions of all members and guests present were made. The Chair, Matt Sauer, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to approve the February 2015 minutes. Member Prestanski motioned for approval and all members seconded. Members also reviewed the information in the packet, which included: reimbursement forms, the statute, the bylaws, agenda, etc.

## UPDATES ON DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chair Sauer has asked each member to become connected with two disability organizations in their area, and then to report any business or trends within this organization at each council meeting.

**Chair Sauer** reported that for the third year he conducted a training for large group of parents with dyslexic children in Olentangy.

Chair Sauer is continuing to work with Stepping Stones which is an organization whose mission is to increase independence, improve lives and promote inclusion for children and adults with disabilities.

**Member Grubb** – Donna Schultz from the DeafBlind Community gave testimony on the budget bill. He also reported that he is involved in fundraising for the Deafblind community.

**Member Roberts-** new member Julie Roberts, from Maumee, Ohio in Lucas County introduced herself. She is a medical social worker, working with folks with chronic illnesses for over 17 years. Her older brother is diagnosed with autism.

**Member Willford** reported that she has been talking with providers and agencies regarding the changes in the budget bill to their system. The consensus is that people would like to keep things the same way. These people also expressed a concern regarding the communities' desire to truly include people with disabilities. She also spoke with two local fire departments regarding working with people with disabilities and tried to educate them on some of the considerations when working with PWD.

**Member Kimmel** is currently working on talking with first responders and how they work with people with disabilities. He has found that most of the time if people lack information it is due to not having money for training on how to work with people with disabilities.

**Guest Zwyer** introduced himself. He works with a non- profit organization called Community Fund Management Foundation, which helps individuals with disabilities and their families establish special needs trusts.

**Member Kellett** – new member Brian Kellett introduced himself. He is a full time photography and art instructor at Columbus Academy in Gahanna. He stated that he broke his back 12 years ago riding a mountain bike. He went to YLF in high school and has returned as staff in the past.

**Member Kale** explained that she is from Rudolph, Ohio and works in Bowling Green. She oversees the business part of Woodlane and their involvement in Employment First. They are involved with many changes because of Employment First and one of the changes is the privatization of the agency.

**Member Prestanski** reported that he is still working with the Butler County Partnership for Housing. They are currently working on developing their strategic plan which should be finalized at next week's meeting. He also stated that he is involved with veterans across the state. He met with one state representative a few weeks ago regarding legislation that could involve business owned by disabled veterans. There also will be a task force starting soon that is charged with fixing veteran's health care.

**Member Brown** introduced herself by stating that she is from Franklin County and is a certified program assistant at ARC West. Recently she has been very involved with contacting legislators regarding the budget and setting up an Advocacy Day that will be held April 17. She is on the advisory council of Franklin County Board of DD and recently spoke at CSCC.

**Member Beatty** reported that he is from Warrant County. Not only is he on GCPD, but he is the chair of the Medicaid Buy-in Committee and is on the Olmstead Task Force. This committee has decided to ask for legislation that will fix the three big problems with Medicaid Buy-In. He also reported that he is on the Mortality Review Committee on a quarterly basis. This committee reviews all death certificates of people that receive services from the department or county board and looks for trends. He is also on the Governor's Employment First Advisory Council.

Chair Sauer led a quick follow up regarding bylaws. Changes include: Changing the wording to "the Administrator of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services may appoint." Member Prestanski made motion for change and Member Roberts seconded. **Staff Foster will make the changes to the bylaws.**

GUEST SPEAKERS– Kathy Coate-Ortiz , Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Earl Cecil, Director of the ADAMH Board in Athens, Ohio.

These two speakers came to discuss some of the gaps that constituents are experiencing when they try to access supports and services in the Southeast part of the state. Ms. Kathy Coate-Ortiz shared a presentation that her director provided to the legislators as the department was determining budget priorities for the year. The state is still recovering from cuts in 2008, but Governor Kasich has a strong commitment to mental health and addiction services. Council members were able to present concerns to the two guests. The guests thanked the Council for the opportunity to come and speak and stated that they mirror many of the same concerns brought up at the meeting. They would be happy to accept creative ideas and feedback. Ms. Coate-Ortiz will follow up with information in the coming weeks.

## LUNCH

GUEST SPEAKER – DEREK MORTLAND, Access Ohio

Mr. Mortland spoke to members regarding access to buildings and facilities today under the ADA. He presented general information and stated that there were changes in 2010. He also explained the difference between Title 2 and Title 3. Title 2 applies to state and

local governments and Title 3 applies to business. Mr. Mortland went through his PowerPoint presentation and then left time for questions and answers.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Donna Foster reported on YLF 2015. YLF dates are August 2 – 6, 2015. YLF will be held at the Embassy Suites. Columbus Airport and the contract has been signed. Applications were due March 31, 2015, but the deadline has been extended. The goal is to invite approximately 50 students and there are about 8 more slots to fill.

### GOALS –

#### ADA Celebrations

Staff Foster reported that she has been in contact with the Center for Disability Empowerment. They will be having an ADA event in July downtown at the Columbus Commons and GCPD will register for a table. Foster also reported that YLF will be having an ADA birthday party.

#### Mental Health concerns

**Members are asked to send reactions and recommendations regarding the information presented by the two guest speakers from mental health to Matt. Matt will research statistics. This information will be used to send a one page report to the Governor's office.**

#### Legislative Advocacy Day

Member Brown reviewed the agenda for Friday's event. Directions to the event are in the folder. Members will meet there.

Next meeting is scheduled for two days. After discussion, an agenda was suggested and the meeting was changed to one day, Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Motion made by Member Prestanski to adjourn, Member Brown seconded.

Meeting Adjourned