



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 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
Sean Bailey, member
Stephanie Garrett, member
Christine Brown, member
Melinda Kale, member
Shirley Marchi, guest
Jane Allinder, interpreter
Interpreter DSC
Donna Foster, staff
Andrea Crago, 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.

Minutes from June's meeting were not completed. Members reviewed the information in the packet, which included: reimbursement forms, the statute, the bylaws, agenda, etc. The next order of business was for members to give updates regarding their involvement in local community organizations.

**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 he was involved with a fair in Cincinnati that had about 250 people in attendance. He also represented the Council at the ADA event in Cincinnati with about 1000 people on Fountain Square and 200 people involved in a pride march.

**Member Grubb** reported on his involvement with the DeafBlind community. The Central Ohio Association of DeafBlind had a booth at the Columbus ADA celebration at the Columbus Commons. They will be sponsoring a meeting on self-advocacy in September.

**Member Garrett** introduced herself as a new member. She spoke of her involvement with Preble County and getting a small amount of money in the state budget for the PLAY Project which is an early intervention program for children diagnosed with autism.

**Member Brown** introduced herself. She thanked other members who attended the legislative day she hosted in April. She reported that she will be hosting a meeting with Director Martin and other DD staff Friday of this week. She also will be sent to Washington to meet with legislators and to discuss Medicaid. This work is part of her involvement with the Ohio Self Determination Association.

**Member Bailey** reported that he is now working for Citibank in Kentucky, right across the river. Citibank is looking to hire more people with disabilities across company lines. He has continued his involvement with representing people with disabilities on the Brown County Emergency Management Taskforce.

**Member Kale** reported on the CMS transition plan and her involvement with it through her employer, Woodlane Industries. They are looking to privatize so they will be conflict free.

**Member Beatty** reported on his involvement with the Medicaid Buy-in Committee and the Olmstead Task Force. He is also on the Governor's Employment First Advisory Council.

**Chair Sauer** discussed attendance responsibilities and requirements. Council understands life situations, but if members have not attended any meetings then they need to be removed. **Staff Foster** will send an email to Member Schrek who has not yet attended a meeting since being appointed.

GUEST SPEAKERS– Kevin Holtsberry, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

Kevin Holtsberry gave an update regarding OOD. The budget bill was passed and signed by the Governor and included a partnership with OOD and the Department of Education focusing on transition services. He also mentioned that the new WIOA rules may be beneficial for the funding of YLF.

Chair Sauer asked what Council members can be doing for OOD and Mr. Holtsberry responded that outreach and telling community members about OOD's services would be very beneficial. He went on to explain that OOD will be doing their business recognition program, the Creating Opportunities Awards, in October.

#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Donna Foster reported on YLF 2015. YLF was held August 2 – 6, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Airport location. It was very successful with a total of 97 people attending and 47 delegates/mentors. Delegates completed a service project and peer mentors created a disability awareness presentation. We also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA.

#### LUNCH

#### ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING-

Council members approved to move forward with asking Adam Helbling to be the keynote speaker and Zayne Harshaw to provide some light jazz guitar music while people are coming in. Staff Foster will call the Statehouse to schedule the meeting with first, second and third choices as October 22, October 29 and October 8.

#### MEETING DATES

GCPD meetings will be one day unless the agenda dictates more time is needed. The following dates were approved for 2015-2016:

December 16, 2015

February 17, 2016

April 20, 2016

June 15, 2016

YLF July 31 – August 4, 2016

August 17, 2016

#### AWARD WINNERS

The majority of the afternoon was spent reading applications and choosing award winners. The following were approved by Council:

Employer of the Year: Henny Penny Corporation

Member Beatty motioned and Member Brown seconded

Advocacy Award: Aktion Club of Bowling Green

Member Brown motioned and Member Bailey seconded.

Accessible Medical Award: Dr. Richard Munk

Member Bailey motioned, Member Garrett seconded.

Karla Lortz Scholarship: Peter Knabb by majority vote.

Member Bailey donated \$250 to go towards another scholarship for Jacob Ralston.

State Representative Michael Stinziano and Senator Dave Burke were chosen to be Legislators of the Year.

Member Brown announced that the Synergy Conference will be in October and the Ohio County Board Association annual winter conference will be in December.

Staff Foster will email the date for the annual awards meeting and then the next meeting is scheduled for one day on December 16, 2016. Member Garrett will help schedule Katie Kurtz to discuss the PLAY Project for December's meeting.

Motion made by Member Beatty to adjourn, Member Grubb seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.