



Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2015
150 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
Ken Campbell Conference Room

Attendees:

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| Matt Sauer, Chair |
| Judy Sauer, PA |
| Chuck Beatty, member |
| Bryan Grubb, member |
| Tonya Grubb, PA |
| Harry Prestanski, member |
| Victoria Willford, member |
| Kevin Willford, PA |
| Christine Huggins, member |
| Kim Huggins, PA |
| Jon Hackathorn, OOD guest |
| Kelly Jordan, OOD guest |
| Sue Krejci, OOD guest |
| Cynthia Crews, guest |
| Stephanie Branco, guest |
| Jane Allinder, interpreter |
| Tina Shifflet , interpreter DSC |
| Donna Foster, staff |
| Derek Mortland, speaker |
| PRI court reporter |
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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 December 2014 minutes. Member Beatty motioned for approval and Member Prestanski 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 he has been asked to work with the All-Cincinnati ADA celebration for Fountain Square and has been nominated to be the master of ceremonies. 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 Willford reported that she is working on a paper/ report with Member Kimmel regarding mental health care in SE Ohio. She will be attending a training regarding the proposed change in Medicaid for independent providers. She also is working with the Nisonger Center regarding being on a few panels in other trainings. Lastly, she has talked with her son's OOD counselor and other counselors in the office regarding YLF.

Member Prestanski reported that he is still working with the Butler County Partnership for Housing. They are currently working on developing their strategic plan.

Member Huggins reported that she sent out 24 emails to a variety of agencies in her county and neighboring counties. She has been posting events and news on the Facebook page and requests that hyperlinks are attached in requests for postings. There appears to be many ADA activities throughout the state and it doesn't look like GCPD needs to sponsor one. She also has updated the PowerPoint and has mailed that to all members to review. Member Huggins will be featured in the Ohio Speech Hearing Language Association Journal in March and will be attending the Ohio Association of Speech and Language Conference in March. She will have a booth for Aphasia Recovery Connection and GCPD there. ARC will be sponsoring a retreat in July in Columbus. Member Huggins will also be attending another conference in Boston in March.

Member Beatty reported that he is still involved with MBIWD throughout the state. He reviewed emails that were in the packet that he has been sending/receiving with CMS. There are four concerns that advocates have: the age cap (people must disenroll at 65), the worker's family and their eligibility for Medicaid, assets accumulated during your enrollment will be set aside if you enroll in any other Medicaid program and the asset cap.

Chair Sauer gave a quick update regarding membership. Three new members are being appointed: Elizabeth Schrack, Julie Roberts and Brian Kellet. Chair Sauer also led the discussion of the bylaws. Changes include:

Change membership term to reflect new statute

Under article 6 take out reference to RSC and change to OOD

Chair is appointed for a two year term under Article V, Section 1.

Change Executive Director to Program Administrator

There needs to be more discussion regarding Ex-Officio members. **Staff Foster will look into reimbursement for speakers and ex-officio members.**

GUEST – JON HACKATHORN, OOD, Business Engagement

Mr. Hackathorn introduced his four Business Sourcing Analysts: Stephanie Branco, Cynthia Crews, Kelly Jordan, Susan Krejci: The team spoke about their role. They are responsible for meeting with employers to discuss employment opportunities for current and future consumers. They also explain the role of OOD to employers and act as a resource during the hiring of a person with a disability. They can offer free Windmills training and are in the process of developing an employer tool kit specifically for Ohio. They have realized that many employers do not recognize the OOD name and they often are the frontline “marketers.” They also reported that OOD held four job fairs last year and found them to be very successful. The areas represented were: Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Portsmouth. OOD will continue offering job fairs. **Staff Foster will collect names and emails from the BSA’s and send the information to members.**

LUNCH

GUEST SPEAKER – DEREK MORTLAND, Access Ohio

Mr. Mortland spoke to members regarding reasonable accommodations in employment. He presented general information regarding the ADA and left time for questions and answer. His presentation was titled "Reasonable Accommodations for Employees with Disabilities" and was funded by: Great Lakes ADA Center, Institute on Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago. **Staff Foster will distribute the PowerPoint presentation.**

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 is in process of being signed. Applications are being accepted until March 31, 2015 and we have received two so far. This is the first time we have received applications that far in advance.

GUEST SPEAKER – KEVIN HOLTSBERRY, OOD

Mr. Holtsberry updated members on recent budget news for the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency and stated that OOD is in a good position. Director Miller is scheduled to testify in front of the legislature on March 5. He also stated that the new legislative liaison Ryan Ayers will be available to GCPD once the budget bill has been passed. The employment first partnership with Developmental Disabilities has been very successful. Goals for the partnership have been exceeded. VR is looking at starting an online portal. California and Washington State have had great success. This would kick start the entry process and hopefully the process will generate greater

numbers coming in for services. He also reported that there is an increased appreciation in the budget for the Business Enterprise Program. This is the program that does food service and vending at state and federal businesses across the state. These funds could be used to modernize and update facilities and services.

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. She told them that GCPD would like to be involved and they will be in contact regarding partnership. Foster also reported that YLF will be having an ADA birthday party.

YLF Growth

Members suggested that maybe some parent education could happen at YLF the day of pick up or the day of drop off. Need to put together a growth plan that could include regional groups and events.

WEBSITE

Members discussed and decided to delete all resource and tool kit tabs and start from scratch. Member Prestanski suggested a Linked In business page. **Staff Foster will create linked in page for GCPD.**

Mental Health concerns

Staff Foster will schedule speakers from the Ohio Department of Mental health and Addiction for the April meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16 with members staying over and attending the legislative event on April 17, 2015.

Motion made by Member Prestanski to adjourn, all members seconded.

Meeting Adjourned