



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 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
Julie Roberts, member
Stephanie Garrett, member
Christine Brown, member
Melinda Kale, member
Harry Prestanski, member
Brian Kellett, member
Victoria Willford, member
Kevin Willford, PCA
Christine Huggins, member
Kim Huggins, PCA
Marshall Kimmel, member
Dimitrius Makridis, guest Step by Step
Phil Hampe, guest Step by Step
Shundra Wright, guest ECOT
Stephanie Barber-Maynard, guest Creative Connection
Lynn Stewars, guest parent
Jane Allinder, interpreter
Kristen Reed, 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. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes from April's meeting were reviewed and approved. 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 is involved with the 25<sup>th</sup> ADA celebration planning committee in Cincinnati.

**Member Grubb** reported on his involvement with the DeafBlind community. He attended the Central Ohio Association of DeafBlind meeting and they are trying to raise funds for a SSP program. They are going to have a booth at the Columbus ADA celebration at the Columbus Commons.

**Member Roberts** reported that she is working with an assistance dog organization in Lucas County.

**Member Garrett** introduced herself as a new member. This She spoke of her involvement with Preble County and that she went to meet the three superintendents of developmental disability boards near her: Preble County, Miami and Montgomery. They discussed their concerns with privatizing.

**Member Willford** introduced herself and reported that the biggest concern she is hearing in her area is lack of transportation.

**Member Kimmel** introduced himself and stated that the information he is hearing is concern over the biennium budget and how the organizations will fit in with that, especially the mental health groups in his area

**Member Brown** introduced herself. She thanked other members who attended the legislative day she hosted in April. She reported on a program of the Ohio State University called TOPS. It is a program for students with intellectual disabilities to attend college at Ohio State.

**Member Kellet** reported that he is writing an article on accessibility at a music festival in Athens, Ohio.

**Member Prestanski** attended the Butler county Partnership for the Housing Board and met with a number of veterans across the state. He is still working on the idea of a veteran's chamber of commerce. He also met with Attorney General, Mike Dewine, regarding veteran's issues. He also reported that he will be relocating to Phoenix and will need to resign his position with the Council.

**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 Huggins** reported that she attended a conference of the Ohio Speech language Pathologist Association representing her non- profit and GCPD. She also stated that June is Aphasia awareness month and that she is very busy with that.

**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.

GUEST SPEAKERS– Derek Mortland from the Center for Disability Empowerment was ill and cancelled his presentation, so Chuck Beatty filled in and gave his presentation on Medicaid Buy- In for workers with disabilities. He reviewed the game board developed by the Department of DD and frequently asked questions. He also stated that Ohio is very close to 10,000 people using this benefit.

Chair Sauer asked for information to be put in the letter to the Governor.

Member Huggins showed and reviewed the PowerPoint that she is developing regarding the council and their responsibilities. Members gave updated information to include in the PowerPoint.

Guests introduced themselves and gave a little information about their agencies. They were able to exchange information with members and discuss ways to collaborate before the meeting broke for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Member Grubb reported that over lunch he went to the OSILC meeting and spoke about the Ohio Association of the Deaf-Blind.

#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Staff Foster reported on YLF 2015. YLF is hoping to have about 50 students this year. Applicants are pretty spread out over the state with a large concentration from Columbus

(appears that marketing is working) and the Cleveland area because of collaboration with LEAP. YLF will have a superhero theme this year and because of a donation are able to buy special t-shirts. Foster explained the speed mentoring and asked members to be involved. She also explained the YLF service project which is a new idea for this year. Dates are August 2 – 6, 2015. Foster distributed the schedule and invited council members to attend.

Members Marshall and Willford updated the Council on the information piece that they are writing to send to the Governor on mental health in their rural area.

Members spent the last part of the afternoon discussing ideas for broadening YLF. The biggest concerns seem to be transportation for the students to attend ongoing events and staffing levels. Chair Sauer reported that the Commissioners support the YLF and the idea of growing the program. Staff Foster spoke about Project Stir and what they are doing for those that are supported through county boards. Member Willford mentioned that she attended the training and is now a trainer.

Chair Sauer spoke about connecting with OOD's Business Sourcing Analysts again and that GCPD will also have a booth at the ADA celebration. Members were reminded that applications for the awards are due and that more applications are needed. August's meeting will be spent reviewing applications and planning the awards ceremony. It was determined that August will be a one day meeting on August 19 here at OOD.

Group picture was taken for the website.

Meeting adjourned.