



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2016**

Council Member Attendees: Matthew Sauer, Ph. D., Chair, Marshall Kimmel, Melinda Kale, Stephanie Garrett, Bryan Grubb

OOD Staff: Susan Pugh, Deputy Director, BVR, Shirley Marchi, Program Administrator

Guests: Tonya Gubb, Judy Sauer, Jane Allinder, Derek Mortland, Deaf Services Center employee

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Sauer welcomed members and visitors and called the meeting to order.

Review of Information in Packet/Approval of Agenda

Council members reviewed the information in their packets. The agenda was not approved because there was not a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not approved because there was not a quorum.

ADA Participation Action Research Consortium Training

ADA and Community Outreach Coordinator, Derek Mortland provided training on the ADA Participation Action Research Consortium ADA (PARC). The research is a collaboration between the Southeast ADA Center, Great Lakes ADA Center, Southwest ADA Center, Pacific ADA Center, Rocky Mountain ADA Center and the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center. The research will examine the factors that influence the participation of people with disabilities in their communities. The examination will identify key participation disparities and strategically act to address them. ADA PARC will conduct a multiregional strategic gap analyses across three participation areas mandated by the ADA: community living, community participation, and work/economic to document and target the position disparities of people with disabilities who are trying to move out of nursing homes and institutions to the community post ADA and Olmstead Decision to add their participation experiences and issues. From this research, ADA PARC will create a tool and a systematic process for assessing community participation at the community level for people to assess their communities.

OOD Updates

*OODWorks Portal:* There are a slow, steady number of people applying for services through the OODWorks portal. OOD is working on phase two, which will launch in spring 2017, to allow consumers to upload documents such as medical, grades, etc.

Phase three is for vendors/providers to be able to submit reports electronically. This phase is scheduled for early 2018.

*Local Consumer Forums:* OOD had its first test run this quarter. The number of attendees ranged from seven to 20 at each location. Every quarter the local Area Managers have forums and invite consumers to get their feedback on statewide and local issues being discussed

*Workforce and Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA):* Final regulations came out several months ago. WIOA places new requirements on vocational rehabilitation programs with regards to individuals with disabilities who are paid subminimum wage. This was effective July 22, 2016. It requires OOD to provide career counseling and information and referral services to individuals with disabilities who are employed at subminimum wage by an entity that holds a special wage certificate. WIOA requires certificate holders to maintain documentation that individuals in subminimum wage employment have received career counseling, information and referral services from OOD every six months for the first year of employment and annually thereafter. OOD hired seven caseload assistants to go out and provide guidance counseling on competitive employment to 12,000-14,000 individuals. OOD began this last month.

#### Legislative Update

Chair Sauer read the Legislative report to members.

#### Community Updates by Council Members

Council member Kimmel:

- Fear expressed by DD in Galion County to privatize workshops. People are pulling their kids out because they don't see a future. The fear is that privatizing is bad.
- Talking with law officials who are under a lot of stress and have nowhere to go to debrief. Franklin County police officers have a place to go to vet, but the police officers in rural counties do not. Would like to see some mention presented to the Governor's Office reminding him these people don't have a place to go.
- The police officers and EMS have to take vacation to attend a class. The class is voluntary. If you want a good law enforcement agency, then police officers should get training.
  - Council member Kale stated the Sherriff of the counties have to present a case to the County Commissioners to receive funding.

Council member Garrett:

- The Play Project went to the first grade. A performance evaluation is due in January, 2017.

Council member Kale:

- The industry is continuing with its transition to become a private entity with the new CEO in place. Working with a minority business enterprise to enlarge a contract proposal going to DAS to bring in veterans.

Council member Grubb:

- Having meetings with Senator Beagle to explain the deaf history month and digital library. The Digital Library is for hearing parents who have a deaf/deaf blind child to get more information and a general understanding about the deaf culture.
- Look for Senate Bill 360.

Chair Sauer:

- Got through grant funding this year for people with autism. Program established to bring people with autism into the university.

#### 2017 GCPD Dates

GCPD members agreed on the following 2017 meeting dates: February 15, April 19, June 21, August 16, September (TO BE DETERMINED due to awards ceremony, preferably a Friday day).

#### Old Business

- None

#### New Business

- Letter to Governor: Council member Kimmel to work on the letter.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Other

GCPD October 18, 2016 Awards Ceremony: Council members thought the ceremony went well.

#### Adjourn

Council members adjourned the meeting.