



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
December 16 – 17, 2014
400 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
The Learning Center 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
Christine Huggins, member (12-17-14)
Kim Huggins, PA (12-17-14)
Rob Glenn, member
Christine Brown, member
Melinda Kale, member
Sean Bailey, member
Marshall Kimmel, member
Jane Allinder, interpreter
Tina Shifflet , interpreter DSC (12-17-14)
Donna Foster, staff
Kristin Reed, interpreter DSC (12-16-14)
PRI court reporter
Angela Lee, guest (12-16-14)
Michael Berovic, guest (12-17-14)
Derek Mortland, speaker (12-17-14)
Paul Jarvis, speaker (12-17-14)

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2014

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 August 2014 minutes. Member Kimmel motioned for approval and Member Bailey seconded. Members also reviewed the

information in the packet, which included: reimbursement forms, the statute, the bylaws, agenda, etc.

The next item of business was updates on each member's community organization.

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.

Rob Glenn

*Contact with Dept. of Public Safety and the EMA to continue the dialogue about Emergency Preparedness for people with disabilities. Has a conversation scheduled for January. Reached out to the DOJ as well, but has not heard back.

Melinda Kale

*Involved with Employment First initiatives and Medicaid continuation with Wood Lane Industries.

Marshall Kimmel

*still working on the lack of psychiatric care in Southeastern Ohio.

Torri Willford-Baker

*reported that mental health care in SE Ohio is non-existent. Families are moving away from natural supports to other areas to obtain care. For example, in Meigs County the local emergency room does not want to accept patients in an acute emergency situation for mental health.

Council members discussed that this is an issue that they would like to follow up on. They would like to see representatives from the state department of mental health or state medical board come to April's meeting to address this concern. Member Glenn stated he could invite his contacts from EMS. **Members Baker and Kimmel will draft letters to invite speakers regarding this issue to the April meeting.**

Harry Prestanski

*still working with the public partnership for housing in Crawford County. They just finished a survey with their consumers and advocates and will be using that to develop a strategic plan.

* working with Butler County Board of DD to meet with local employers like AMC Theatres.

* met with some local officials as a veteran advocate and participated in a few forums in Butler County.

Sean Bailey

*member Bailey reported that he has been involved with reaching out to a number of high schools in Brown County to explain YLF and distribute delegate applications.

*He also reported that the state of special education in Southern Ohio is "a disaster." Teachers are reporting that they need more funding and they do not get any support. For example, one high school does not have a single special education teacher.

Christine Brown

* Ohio Self Determination Association – attending and presenting training on Advocacy as a member of OSDA. Working on the Legislative Event scheduled for April 17 at 4200 Bixby Road in Groveport, Ohio (Bixby Living Skills Center.) Member Brown invited all GCPD members to attend. She suggested that our next meeting be scheduled for one Day on April 16 and members can stay over and attend the advocacy day on April 17.

* Member Brown also invited other members to attend a Medicaid discussion to be held Feb. 11 from 10:30 to 1pm.

Bryan Grubb

*still working to raise awareness of the DeafBlind population here in Ohio. Grant money for a SSP program is difficult to find.

Chuck Beatty

*attended the Ohio Association of County Boards annual conference. still attending

* has scheduled presentations with two county boards for MBIWD.

GUEST – BILL BISHILANY, OOD, Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Bishilany introduced himself and reviewed his past work history and his role at OOD. All members introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their background. Mr. Bishilany spoke about OOD's initiatives to standardize processes and to provide more realistic vocational counseling. He also stated that this did not mean less service or less individuality for the consumer. Bishilany mentioned that the Governor has asked OOD to track employment past the 90 day requirement of RSA.

GUEST – SHIRLEY MARCHI, COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIAISON

Ms. Marchi led a discussion regarding the positive and negatives of having a one day meeting over a two day meeting. Members stated their personal opinions regarding the ease or hardship of having two day meetings. It was determined that the next meeting in February will be reduced to a full day 9 to 4:30 pm meeting, with members staying at the hotel the evening prior to the meeting. Members are willing to experiment with this new format.

Ms. Marchi also reported that OOD will not be having the Disability Jobs Summit, that they will be focusing on job fairs because of their past success.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Donna Foster reported on YLF 2015. YLF dates are August 2 – 6, 2015. Chair Sauer and Staff Foster will be meeting with OOD Commissioners to explain the funding problems and to ask for assistance in finding a permanent sustainable source of funding for non- OOD students who apply to YLF. Staff Foster is getting hotel quotes and will be submitting all the information to Fiscal so that OOD can obtain the waiver needed to hold the event.

ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

All members reviewed their successes for the year and what type of information they would like to be in the annual report. Suggestions included YLF, annual meeting and rewards and information showing community involvement, MBIWD presentations and other taskforce/group meetings. **Staff Foster with the help of the communications intern, Lindsay Blusiewicz will develop a draft of the annual report.**

No Public comments were made. Guests had introduced themselves in the morning.

Meeting adjourned till the following morning.

THURSDAY, December 17, 2014

Welcome and introductions.

GUEST SPEAKER – DEREK MORTLAND, Access Ohio

Mr. Mortland spoke to members regarding areas of rescue assistance. His presentation was titled " Promoting: The ADA; Inclusive Business Practices, Public Services, And Accessibility Throughout Ohio" 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.**

GUEST SPEAKER – PAUL JARVIS, DD COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Wilson, legislative liaison for OOD, left the agency to join the Department of Mental Health. The new liaison has not started yet, so Mr. Jarvis agreed to give an update. Mr. Jarvis spoke regarding pending legislation such as HB 552 which will create an information sheet for parents who have children with downs syndrome. SB 55 which changed parking signs from "handicapped" to accessible has been amended into HB 552 and this is expected to be signed by the Governor.

Mr. Jarvis created a prezi document regarding the State budget and this is available to the general public. He reported on what he has heard will be in the state budget that might affect people with disabilities. The Budget will be introduced on Feb. 15, 2015. Mr. Jarvis also invited everyone to attend the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day on Tuesday,

March 3 at the Statehouse. Registration is online and can be found on the DD council website or Facebook page.

Lunch

NEW BUSINESS

Brochure – Reviewed the draft of the new brochure for GCPD. Made changes and suggestions for the communications intern.

Council membership- there was some discussion regarding reimbursement for local members attending meetings. **Staff Foster will double check with fiscal for rules. Chair Sauer also will discuss with Kevin Holtsberry the Council's role in membership nominations.**

(Chair Sauer and Staff Foster left meeting to meet with OOD commissioners at their meeting about YLF)

Council members discussed the goals for the Council for the next year and possibly needing a 3 year strategic plan. Goals and point person for each goal for 2015 are:

Engagement – 2015 is the 25th anniversary of ADA. Council will collect information regarding other celebrations to post on Facebook and possible have an event. Lead is Member Huggins. **Chair Sauer will develop an email ask and send to Members.**

Employment/Education – members will partner with Business Sourcing Analysts from OOD. Member Kale is the lead person.

Efficiency/Effectiveness- Council will have state agencies address the care in SE Ohio. Members Willford and Kimmel are the lead.

Member Glenn will type up notes from discussion about goals and send to members.

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

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

Meeting Adjourned