



Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
August 18 – 19, 2014
150 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
Ken Campbell Conference Room

Attendees:

Chuck Beatty, member
Bryan Grubb, member
Tonya Grubb, PA
Harry Prestanski, member
Victoria Willford, member
Kevin Willford, PA
Christine Huggins, member
Kim Huggins, PA
Rob Glenn, member (5-8-14 only)
Shari Cooper, member
Erma Cooper, PA
Jane Allinder, interpreter
Interpreter RIA
Donna Foster, staff
Larry McCartney, staff
Christine Woodruff, PRI court reporter
Kevin Holtsbury, OOD, guest
Kelly Jordon, OOD, guest
Shirley Marchi, OOD, guest

Introductions of all members present were made. The Chair, Matt Sauer, was unable to attend the meeting, so the meeting was run by Vice-Chair, Chuck Beatty. Mr. Beatty determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to review information in the packet, which included: reimbursement forms, the statute, the bylaws, YLF testimonial and to welcome new member, Christine Brown.

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.

Melinda Kale

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

* trying to connect with Behavioral Connections. Behavioral Connections of Wood County, Inc. is a not for profit comprehensive behavioral health care agency providing treatment for mental health and substance abuse concerns for residents of Wood County, Ohio.

Marshall Kimmel

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

Christine Huggins

*presented at YLF with David Dow, co-founder of Aphasia Recovery Connection and an Ohio YLF alumni

*directed first Aphasia Recovery Connection retreat in Ohio. Also, made connections with several support groups in Ohio, that were unable to attend the retreat.

Harry Prestanski

*attended a joint meeting between Butler County Board of DD and the Butler County Partnership for Housing and distributed all the GCPD award information.

* working as a member of the board for the Butler County Partnership for Housing.

*Butler County Board of DD donated \$1200 to YLF again this year.

Torri Willford

*presented information on the Healthy Lifestyles program at YLF.

*requested the rule on accommodations for mailing notices from the Meigs County ODJFS. She will follow up with the State. Also heard concerns that the request for more time to complete applications due to disability is mostly denied by ODJFS. Mr. Beatty recommended that this could be a goal for the next year.

*Lack of sex education and social education for those with DD especially in the LGBT community.

Shari Cooper

*Advocacy United – Shari has been appointed chair of this group which is a state wide advocacy group.

*Ms. Cooper was asked by DODD Director, John Martin, to present about people with speech impediments being self-advocates

* attended a retreat for the Dayton Leadership Group at Deer Creek Park.

* Ms. Cooper is not seeking reappointment to GCPD.

Sean Bailey

- *attended YLF. Will order lanyards and bookbags and looking for free photographer.
- *Sent letters out to 15 schools about YLF.
- * participating in the Brown county Local Emergency Task Force.
- *founded a new scholarship for people with disabilities in Brown, Clermont and Adams counties.

Bryan Grubb

- *OOD has started a task force for Deaf and Blind and a report is due the first of the year. helping to get the word out regarding surveys and meetings.
- *Attended People First conference, saw Mr. Beatty and Christine Brown

Chuck Beatty

- *still attending Olmstead Task force meetings
- *attended the Family Advisory Council within DODD meeting as a member
- *trying to reconnect with the Warren County Board of DD.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Donna Foster and Larry McCartney reported on YLF 2014. YLF was August 3 – 8, 2014. Many Council Members were involved: Sean Bailey attended the first day. Matt Sauer, Christine Huggins and Victoria Willford presented to the students. Mr. Beatty and Mr. Prestanski attended the talent show. Twenty three first year students and seventeen peer mentors attended. An extra day was added to the forum. Next year, we hope to have more delegates and less peer mentors. There was no mentoring dinner this year. The event was changed to "speed mentoring" and was a great success. There were 13 tables representing 13 different career fields and students travelled from table to table to gather information about different careers. Also, added an employment session put on by members of the BLN this year.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Donna Foster gave the update. The meeting will be October 16 at the Statehouse Atrium starting at 1pm... All members who can attend will make an awards presentation. Members, whose term will expire, inquired if they could attend. Member Willford stated that she was told that her appointment went 60 days beyond her term if she was not replaced within that time.

STATUTE REVIEW

Vice-chair Beatty reviewed the new statute that will go into effect with the budget bill in September.

Main changes included members will serve until replaced, Chair of council serves a two year term and the statute no longer states GCPD is "administered" by OOD. It states that OOD provides one professional staff member and supplies.

OOD UPDATE

Next to speak was Shirley Marchi, Community Outreach Coordinator, OOD. Marchi reported that the budget for GCPD will be submitted to OOD the following week. This year, one conference registration cost will be added to the GCPD budget for members. It may or may not be approved. A jobs fair has been scheduled for August 21, 2014, at the Aladdin Shrine Temple here in Columbus and it looks like 30 businesses will be attending. It is open to OOD consumers only.

LETTERS TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Vice chair Beatty reported that letters drafted by Chair Sauer and Beatty regarding the disincentives in the Medicaid program were sent to the Governor's office and the top leadership in both the House and Senate.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Wilson, legislative liaison for OOD, has left the agency to join the Department of Mental Health. A new liaison has not been appointed yet, but when they are they will be invited to attend GCPD meetings.

Council members then discussed the Legislator of the year award to be given at the annual awards meeting. Nominations were taken, discussed and winners were decided. Rep. Fred Strahorn and Senator Kevin Bacon will be winners of this award.

No Public comments were made.

Meeting adjourned till the following morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014

Welcome and introductions.

Vice-Chair Beatty chaired the meeting since Chair Sauer was not in attendance. Member Beatty stated that two items on the agenda would be switched. The sub-committees for Employment and Education will meet first and then members will discuss the additional brochure ideas.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education committee members met and reviewed nominations for the Maureen Fitzgerald Leadership Award and the Karla Lortz Scholarship. Maradythe Stern from Lakota West

HS was chosen as the Maureen Fitzgerald Leadership Award and Austin White was chosen as the scholarship winner. Education committee also reviewed the PowerPoint presentation for GCPD and discussed posting guidelines and ideas for the Facebook page. Committee members also discussed the requirements for the scholarship and if majors other than STEM need to be considered for the scholarship.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Employment Committee met and reviewed nominations for the Employer of the Year Awards and the Advocacy Awards. The members chose Best Buddies - Miami University and LC in Aktion as the winners of the Advocacy awards. Winners for the Employer of the Year Awards are The Kroger Company and AMC West Chester 18. Members also discussed the possibility of making a pamphlet or some type of handout for individuals who are starting up a business that would explain ADA. The committee needs to check with the Secretary of State's office and/or Treasurer's office to see if this is a needed item.

BROCHURE

Members looked at the brochure and were interested in adding pictures and the updated statute information. Member Huggins will work with the graphic design intern at OOD to come up with a new format

Lunch

ACCESS CONCERNS

Access Committee met and reviewed nominations for the Accessible Parking Award. The members chose Hocking College Police Department as the winner. Council members discussed how they could disperse the applications and make sure each county was away of the award. Suggestions included working with different associations, like the Ohio Sheriff's Association or Police Chief Associations. Committee members also discussed the 25th ADA celebration. Chair Sauer had the letter for his and Bryan's signature. Member Prestanski will follow up with Sauer about the letter.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health and Welfare Committee met and reviewed nominations for the Accessible Medical Services Award. The winner is Cincinnati Fire Chief Richard Braun.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Beatty quickly reminded people of the October Awards meeting. Members asked about a new chair and it was determined from the bylaws that the Council may recommend a new chair, but the Governor makes the final appointment. Chair Sauer will remain chair until replaced.

Next meeting is the annual awards meeting on October 16, 2014.

Motion made by Member Bailey to adjourn, Member Prestanski seconded.

Meeting Adjourned