



Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
May 7 -8, 2014
150 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
Commissioners Meeting Room

Attendees:

Matt Sauer, Chair GCPD
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
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, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to approve meeting minutes from January 2014. Chuck Beatty moved to accept minutes as amended (Huggins is from Marietta, Ohio.) All approved.

Chair Sauer reviewed committee assignments that were provided in the monthly folder. The next item of business was updates on each member's community organization.

UPDATES ON DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chair Sauer asked each member to become connected with two disability organizations in their area, and then to report any business or trends within this organization.

Matt Sauer –

*Chair Sauer did a presentation for students with dyslexia in the Olentangy school district and marketed YLF. Foster reported that at least 2 students applied after hearing the presentation.

*Chair Sauer reported that he will be the representative from UC to the Business Leadership Network. UC is also working on a summer bridge camp to college for young adults on the autism spectrum.

Chuck Beatty

*attended the Family Advisory Council meeting as a member.

*continuing work on SB 283 - the bill to amend the GCPD statute.

*attended a presentation by Employment First titled "Disability Benefits 101". This is an online service for benefits and Ohio will be the 7th state to be involved.

Bryan Grubb

*Central Ohio Association of Deaf-Blind – the Deaf-Blind community in Ohio desperately needs a Support Service Provider Program. Grubb reported that he is still working on this and Deaf Services Center is looking for funding to start this program.

*Grubb presented to Marysville HS students and spoke about YLF. He thought one student would apply but Foster stated no applications from that area have come in yet.

Shari Cooper

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

*Cooper will have an interview in a few weeks to be a speaker on TED talks and another interview with the Chamber of commerce to be involved in a leadership group.

Victoria Willford

*attended and helped with a Direct Support Professionals summit that was held in Columbus.

*appointed to OOD's Consumer Advisory Council.

*commented that OOD Counselors appeared to not know about YLF.

Marshall Kimmel

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

Christine Huggins

*attended DD legislative day at the Statehouse and met with legislators.

* spoke with her employer about GCPD

*will make a presentation at YLF with YLF alumni and co-founder of her non- profit, Dave ??.

Harry Prestanski

*still involved with Butler County Board of DD and has been asked to serve on the board of trustees for the Butler County Partnership for Housing. This organization has 55 houses for people with DD.

* working with a few veteran's groups and offering financial workshops.

Torri Willford presented information on the Healthy Lifestyles "train the trainer" event that she attended in March. She will be presenting a shorter version of this program at YLF.

Guest speaker – Kelly Jordan, Business Sourcing Analyst spoke to GCPD members. Jordan explained that 4 business sourcing analysts, one for each region, were hired. Their responsibility is to meet with employers at an executive level and work with them in developing initiatives to hire persons with disabilities. The current focus is to reach out to employers who are federal contractors. Jordan would be happy to be the liaison to any business contacts that GCPD members make when reaching out to their two employers per year.

Next to speak was Shirley Marchi, Community Outreach Coordinator, OOD. Marchi reported that the Disability Jobs Summit will be changed to a biannual event. A jobs fair has been scheduled for August 21, 2014, at the Aladdin Shrine Temple here in Columbus. GCPD is scheduled for a meeting that day and members would be interested in assisting with the job fair. Marchi asked for members to assist with the needs assessment. Marchi then updated members about the BLN. They currently have 40 members. They are partnering with OOD on 503 compliance on an initiative/grant to find 70 people with disabilities employment. The BLN is also working with JFS on a disability employment initiative grant.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Next on the agenda was Steve Wilson with a legislative update. Mr. Wilson could not attend the meeting, but reported that legislators are back from break beginning this week. The mid-budget review is being heard by the senate and it should be passed by the end of the week. Chuck Beatty updated the Council on a few items that he has been working on. Beatty and Sauer wrote a letter regarding the problems with MBIWD and gave them to the Governor and the Legislators. This letter was in regards to asset caps. Beatty also reiterated the status of SB 283, the GCPD bill. Beatty, Grubb, Willford and Cooper all have terms that expire in August of 2014. All members but Cooper will be seeking reappointment. Chair Sauer asked for applications to be turned in within two weeks so they can be delivered to Director Miller.

No Public comments were made.

Meeting adjourned till the following morning.

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Welcome and introductions. Member Rob Glenn was present and gave his community update. He has been involved with Emergency Management. He attended a summit regarding people with disabilities and emergency management. Glenn will attend another workshop on May 29.

Donna Foster gave an update regarding YLF. Invitations for 2014 Ohio YLF have been sent out. 28 first year delegates and 25 second year delegates were invited for a total of 53 delegates. We have not received responses from everyone, but if all 53 attend, 36 are current VR consumers. That is 68% VR and 32% non VR.

Confirmation from the Board of Directors of the Foundation (same one as in the past) has approved to pay for non VR delegates to attend YLF. They said the check would be forthcoming in July. YLF will be adding a few new topics to the schedule like social media in the workplace, interviewing and job seeking skills and appropriate social skills for the workplace. Second year delegates will be more focused on self-advocacy training.

This year a new tracking system for what the delegates accomplish outside of YLF will be implemented. These "blue cards" will be filled out and returned throughout the year and will help decide who to accept into the program the following year.

Foster applied for a \$5000 donation from the DD Council's Discretionary Fund for YLF and will find out in mid-July if this has been approved.

Kevin Holtsberry, Communications Chief, OOD was introduced and met each council member. Holtsberry gave a synopsis of his role at OOD and his vision of the communications department.

The rest of the day was spent in subcommittees. Subcommittee's reported the following: (Chair Sauer attended a short meeting with Director Miller from OOD)

Employment: Vice-Chair Glenn reported that they would like to send a concise memo to the Governor which will include the committee's ideas on helping to reduce unemployment for people with disabilities.

Education: Chair Cooper reported that this committee has developed a Facebook page and will courtesy copy Kevin Holtsberry on information prior to being posted. Willford has volunteered to post things and will be the liaison to Holtsberry.

Access Concerns: Chair Grubb reported that this committee has developed two goals. The first goal is work on changing the parking signs to not have the word "handicapped." They will be doing some research on other states, etc. The second goal is to have some type of proclamation and celebration revolving around next year's 25th anniversary of the ADA. Maybe the Governor would sign something and GCPD could be involved and also to have some type of celebration at YLF.

Health and Welfare: Chair Willford reported that the committee is interested in writing a white paper. Next meeting they will be narrowing the focus down to a more manageable size.

New Business –

Grubb stated that access concerns committee would like to invite a representative from the Secretary of State's office to hear how they work with new businesses to educate them about ADA requirements.

Vice Chair Beatty reminded members to get council applications in as quickly as possible for reappointment. Member Cooper stated that she would not be reapplying.

Chair Sauer returned from his meeting with Director Miller and reported that the meeting went very well. They discussed the future of YLF and will work on this after the election. Chair Sauer will draft a letter regarding this commitment. Sauer asked for all applications to be in within two weeks so he can deliver them to Director Miller and ask for reappointments.

Next meeting is June 18 and 19, 2014.

Motion made by Prestanski to adjourn, Glenn seconded.
Meeting Adjourned