

**Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)
 Business Meeting
 Friday, July 13, 2018
 Crowne Plaza North - Worthington
 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229**



Attendance: Joanna Spargo (Chair), Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter (Vice-Chair), James Plasencia (Secretary), Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Brenda Brandon, Bobbie Burke, Michael Denlinger II, Morgan Gattermeyer, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Matt Harrison, Emilia Jackson, Jean Jakovlic, Vicki Jenkins, Karen Kerr, Lori Kershner, Laura Leach, Heather McFarlin, Blaine O’Leary, Benjamin Pesich, Jill Radler, Rhonda Rich, Michael Richards, Mark Seifarth, Dara Walburn, Sue Willis, and Renee Wood

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Guests: Tina Amoako, Christine Brown, Beth Graham, Donna Lowe, Billie McAleer, Kevin Miller, Betsy O’Leary, Devika Rao, Eric Rathburn, Jenny Schulz, Ken Smith, Brenda Stevens, Jordan Wagner

Staff: Fatica Ayers, Carla Cox, Gilbrina Dillon, Paul Jarvis, Kenneth Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp, Kay Treanor

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by Chairman Joanna Spargo.

Topic	Discussion Items	Action Needed
<u>Introductions:</u>	Joanna Spargo ask that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves.	
<u>Minutes:</u>	Chairman Spargo asked for a motion to approve the May 4, 2018, minutes. Rhonda Rich moved to approve the minutes, James Plasencia seconded, motion passed. Lori Kershner, Karen Kerr, Jill Radler, and Jean Jakovlic abstained. The minutes were approved as written.	
<u>Chairman’s Message:</u>	N/A	

<p><u>Presentation:</u></p>	<p>Director Kevin Miller from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) gave a very informative presentation to the group. He explained the new administrative model that has been implemented at OOD by means of a change in Ohio law. OOD is now administered by a Rehabilitation Council instead of a panel of seven commissioners. The new Council is now in place and they will have their first meeting in August.</p> <p>Director Miller also spoke very insightfully regarding his experiences as the parent of a fourteen-year-old son with autism.</p> <p>Jordan Wagner from OSU Nisonger shared with Council “<i>Milo the Robot</i>”. Milo is a new assistive technology device created to assist people on the autism spectrum. Jordan also gave a demonstration of some of Milo’s capabilities.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p>	<p>Leadership Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Willis reported that the committee has one action item: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Committee voted to have Linda Kunick as the special advisor for Leadership. Motion passed. No one abstained. • Matt Harrison made a presentation to the group on the importance of the American Red Cross and the services they offer. <p>Outreach Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action items. <p>Children & Health Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Kerr, Committee Chair reported that they have one action item: 	

1) The Healthy Lifestyles for People with DD grantee, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, requested a No Cost Extension until the end of the 2018 calendar year. This is needed because contractual agreements with the University of Cincinnati assisting with the grant work were delayed in being completed. Coming from the committee, the motion needs no second. There was no discussion. Motion to approve was given. **Motion** passed. No one abstained.

Employment Committee

- Blaine O'Leary, Committee Chair reported that the committee had two action items:
 - 1) Committee voted to have Tom Hess serve as the special advisor for Employment. Motion to approve was given. Motion passed. No one abstained.
 - 2) Committee voted to have Mark Seifarth as the special advisor for Employment. Motion to approve was given. Motion passed. No one abstained.

Community Living Committee

- No action items.

Public Policy Committee

- Dara Walburn, Committee Chair reported one action item:
 - 1) State plan amendment for the GAB Session grant to be increased by \$10,000. **Motion** to approve was given. **Motion** passed. No one abstained.

Technology & Communication Committee

- No action items.

Executive Committee

- Paul Jarvis reported for the Executive Committee that he and Carolyn Knight had consulted with the Ohio Ethics Commission, and under the circumstances, it would be permissible to allow Council Member Sue Willis to work for the Ohio Self Determination Association. A **motion** was made to temporarily suspend the policy prohibiting Council members from being paid by a grantee if they have voted on the grant during the review process. Chair Jo Spargo stated coming from committee it requires no second and **motion** passed. Sue Willis abstained.

Announcements:

- Next Council Meeting date September 13 - 14, 2018.
- Carla Cox announced that Diane Mairose asked that it be announce in Council that she has been elected to serve as the Region 5 Representative for Self- Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) a well-known national advocacy. She will be able to serve as a strong Ohio voice on national self-advocacy issues for people with developmental disabilities.
- Chair Joanna Spargo reminded Council that Ohio's sales tax-free shopping weekend will be August 3-5, 2018.
- Marcella Straughter stated that she will be speaking at a OSDA event as a

representative from Project Stir on July 26, 2018.

- Gilbrina Dillon reminded Council members to report back to her with their list of who they gave their “Flavor of the Meeting” to via email.

- Fatica Ayers, briefly explained to Council the process of approving the 2019 State Plan. The latest version contains a few revisions that Sue Willis provided, as well as a list of community committees and boards on which members serve from Carla Cox. They are included under the Systems Change and Advocacy Grant. Fatica stated that the actual plan language was approved in each individual committee. The 2019 State Plan Update consists of all the Council’s grants. Therefore, a vote is needed to approve the plan updates and corrections. Brenda Brandon **motioned** to approve the 2019 State Plan Update as corrected. Marcella Straughter seconded. **Motion** passed.

- A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the 2019 Council Meeting Dates. Lori Kershner expressed concerns with the July and December meeting dates. Carolyn Knight and Council staff explained the reason for the standing meetings is the complex and lengthy process of booking hotels for the meeting. As there are various tasks that must be completed during those months. Rochelle Hall-Rollins and Michael Denlinger were

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	<p>concerned with the March meeting because the Legislative Advocacy Day was on a Tuesday and the March Council meeting was being held on Thursday and Friday of that same week. Michael Denlinger said he would have difficulty with transportation issues if he had to attend two meeting in the same week. After discussion, it was apparent determined that the July and December months meeting dates should remained unchanged; however, March meetings needed to be addressed. Since the Legislative Advocacy Day is an important Council event, Chair Jo Spargo suggested that the March Council meeting be changed to the following week. A second alternative was presented to move the Council meeting back one day from March 7-8, 2019 to March 6-7, 2019. Council members could then attend both the Legislative Advocacy Day and the Council meeting for a continuing 3-day stay. This would eliminate any transportation issues. A vote was taken for both suggestions, with the suggestion to change the dates winning with the most votes. Michael Denlinger motioned to change the Council meeting dates from March 7-8, 2019 to March 6-7, 2019. Marcella Straughter seconded. Motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Joanna Spargo suggested that the year 2020 meeting dates should be discussed at the March 2019 meeting if date changes are to be made and they not be put off until in July 2019.	

Chairman Spargo requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Heather McFarlin **moved** to adjourn, Marcella Straughter seconded, **motion** passed and meeting adjourned at 2:38p.m.

Next meeting is September 13-14, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel – Newark 50 N. 2nd Street, Newark, OH 43055.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Gilbrina L. Dillon


Joanna Spargo, Chair


James Plasencia, Secretary