



# Business Meeting

December 13, 2019  
Embassy Suites - Dublin  
5100 Upper Metro Place  
Dublin, Ohio 43017  
12:46pm – 2:38pm

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Joanna Spargo (Chair), Karen Kerr (Vice-Chair), Dara Walburn (Secretary), Brenda Brandon, Michael Denlinger II, Morgan Gattermeyer, Pamela Green, Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Matthew Harrison, Emilia Jackson, Jean Jakovlic, Ellie Jazi, Vicki Jenkins, Shannon Komisarek, Bobbi Krabill, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Rachel Rice, Rhonda Rich, Michael Richards, Ilka Riddle, Marcella 'Marci' Straughter, Brandon White, Susan Willis

**Special Advisors Present:** Linda Kunick, Mike Schroeder, Mark Seifarth, Renee Wood

**Guests Present:** Rebecca Bates, Christine Brown, Fridae Coleman, Beth Graham, Debbie Kunick, Billie McAleer, Connie Mehlman, Jeremy Morris, Deborah Pennington, Casper Shahan, Kraig Walker

**Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight (Executive Director), Fatica Ayers, Carla Cox, Kimberly Crishbaum, Gilbrina Dillon, Patrick Disman, Gary Groom, Paul Jarvis, Kenneth Latham, Leslie Paull, Robin Shipp

**GoToMeeting:** None

**Conference Phone:** None

## **A. Call to Order and Introductions**

- Joana Spargo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:46 PM with introductions.

## **B. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

- Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2019 minutes. Rachel Rice **moved** to approve the minutes. Morgan Gattermeyer seconded. **Motion** passed. The minutes were approved as written.

## **C. Chairperson's Message**

- Chair Spargo gave words of appreciation about serving as the Council Chair. She also opened the floor for other Council members and special advisors to give last words before they leave Council.

## **D. State Plan Update**

- Fatica Ayers updated council on the 5-Year State Plan, the strategic planning meeting in March 2020 and Council's need the survey. She explained the purpose and the components of a Strategic Plan. This is crucial to the development of the 5-Year State Plan. She strongly encouraged members to complete and submit the survey. The data is critical to the process.

## **E. Consumer Satisfaction Survey**

- Paula Rabidoux provided information on the Consumer Satisfaction Survey. She explained that the survey is important because it gives vital information which could affect the funding of certain grants. Ohio is required to have 100 surveys completed by stakeholders and consumers.

## F. Committee Action Items

- **Children's & Health**

Leslie Paull reported one action item:

- 1) ODDC received a proposal from Special Olympics to provide **\$40,000** in funding to add four regional games. Morgan Gattermeyer motioned to approve the Special Olympics Regional Games 2020 State Plan Amendment. Brenda Brandon seconded. **Motion** passed. No abstentions.

- **Community Living**

Fatica Ayers reported two action items:

- 1) Strengthening DSPs grant is requesting an additional **\$10,000** for stipends for DSPs to attend training and seminars. Motion to approve was given by Michael Denlinger, II and Dara Walburn seconded. The **motion** was passed. No abstentions.
- 2) The Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for People with Disabilities Anytime Project is requesting **\$30,000** for continuation of the grant activities of the Statewide Transportation Equity Coalition. **Motion** to approve was given by Brenda Brandon and Morgan Gattermeyer seconded. The **motion** was passed. No abstentions.

- **Employment**

No action items.

- **Executive**

Carolyn Knight and Kimberly Crishbaum reported five action items:

- 1) Discretionary Fund Request from Carolyn Knight to reimburse Diane Cox for travel expenses totaling **\$619.00**. The funding will come from the FLAP Grant to Washington, D.C. **Motion** to approve was given by Rochelle Hall-Rollins and Morgan Gattermeyer seconded. The **motion** was passed. No one abstained.

- 2) Medina County Lending Library is requesting **\$3,250** for 1 pair of visual microchip eyeglasses for the blind community. **Motion** to approve was given by Morgan Gattermeyer and Brenda Brandon seconded. **Motion** passed. Joanna Spargo abstained.
  - 3) Columbiana County is developing a home for multisystem youth. It will be the first of its kind in the region of the state. They are requesting **\$10,000** to complete the project. **Motion** to approve was given by Susan Willis and James Plasencia seconded. **Motion** passed. No abstentions.
  - 4) OSU Chabad House, Inc. is requesting **\$10,000** for training of special needs students from 20 different schools to learn about money management. **Motion** to approve was given by Brenda Brandon and Rochelle Hall-Rollins seconded. **Motion** passed. No abstentions.
  - 5) Ability Center is requesting a time extension of 90-days for a budget revision to complete the booklet. **Motion** to approve was given by Michael Denlinger II and Brenda Brandon seconded. **Motion** passed. No abstentions.
- **Leadership Development**  
Leslie Paull reported two action items:
    - 1) SIL grant is requesting **\$7,800** for ASL interpreters. **Motion** to approve was given by Matthew Harrison and Susan Willis seconded. The **motion** was passed. No abstentions.
    - 2) Taskforce for Advocacy is requesting their grant be extended thru January 31, 2020. **Motion** to approve was given by Rochelle Hall-Rollins and Morgan Gattermeyer seconded. The **motion** was passed. Dara Walburn, Michael Denlinger II, and Michael Richards abstained.
  - **Nominating**  
No action items.
  - **Outreach**  
No action items.

- **Public Policy**

Paul reported two action items:

- 1) Data and Policy Research grant (Highbridge Consulting). This is a non-competitive grant. Jarvis asked the Council to temporarily suspend the rules to allow Highbridge Consulting to receive the award. **Motion** to approve was given by Rhonda Rich and Morgan Gattermeyer seconded. The **motion** was passed. No one abstained.
- 2) Disability Seminar 2020 – Council members were asked if they would like to attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C in March 2020. Under rule, only certain members may attend, however, other members may attend if the Council votes to send them to the conference. Brenda Brandon, Michael Denlinger II, Matthew Harrison, Michael Richards, Pamela Green and Rochelle Hall-Rollins volunteered to attend. Morgan Gattermeyer made a **motion** to send the named individuals and Dara Walburn seconded the **motion**. A voice vote was taken, and the **motion** passed.

- **Technology/Communication**

No action items.

## **G. Announcements**

- Michael Denlinger II has been asked to submit his request to serve as a member for the Hamilton County Board of DD Services.
- Rochelle Hall-Rollins is in a show called The Balancing Act on Lifetime television network and is also in a video concerning opioids in Lucas County, Ohio.
- Marcella Straughter is in a Youtube video about Charting the LifeCourse.
- Dara Walburn got a new job at McDonald's as a hostess.

## H. Adjournment

- Chairman Spargo requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Brandon **moved** to adjourn, Dara Walburn seconded, **motion** passed, and meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

**Next meeting:** March 5 – 6, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza North – Worthington 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229.

**Meeting minutes prepared by:** Gilbrina L. Dillon

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Joanna Spargo, Chair

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Dara Walburn, Secretary