



# Business Meeting

March 6, 2020  
Crowne Plaza North – Worthington  
6500 Doubletree Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43229  
12:48pm – 1:37pm

## 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, Lori Kershner, Shannon Komisarek, Bobbi Krabill, Blaine O’Leary, James Plasencia, Paula Rabidoux, Jill Radler, Rachel Rice, Rhonda Rich, Michael Richards, Ilka Riddle, Jacquelyn Rigutto Kerstin Sjoberg, Marcella ‘Marci’ Straughter, Brandon White, Susan Willis

**Guests Present:** Christine Brown, Brianna Combs, Beth Graham, Billie McAleer, Connie Mehlman, Deborah Pennington, Tobiatha Rice, Casper Shahan, Kraig Walker,

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

**GoToMeeting:** None

**Conference Phone:** None

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

- Joana Spargo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:48pm with introductions.

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

- Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the December 13, 2019 minutes. Brenda Brandon **moved** to approve the minutes. James Plasencia seconded. **Motion** passed. Lori Kershner abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

## **C. Approval of the External Evaluation Meeting Minutes**

- Chair Spargo asked for a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes. James Plasencia **moved** to approve the minutes. Dara Walburn seconded. **Motion** passed. Jill Radler, Ilka Riddle, Blaine O'Leary, and Kerstin Sjoberg abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

## **D. 2021 Council Meeting Schedule**

- There was a brief discussion on the dates presented by DD Council staff Gilbrina Dillon. Council members wanted the opportunity to revisit and revamp the date options. It was decided to forgo the decision until the next Council meeting.

## **E. Committee Action Items**

- **Children's & Health**  
No action items.
- **Community Living**  
No action items.
- **Employment**  
No action items.

- **Executive**

Carolyn Knight reported two action items:

- 1) Discretionary Fund request from Carolyn Knight. The Arc of Ohio is requesting \$5,000 to fund The Arc Conference fees for the families attending the conference who would otherwise not be able to attend. This came from the committee and required no second. **Motion** passed. Michael Richards abstained.
- 2) Discretionary Fund request from Carolyn Knight. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for a would like to fund \$4,875 in scholarships for attendees to the national RTS Conference 2020 held in Cincinnati, Ohio. This came from the committee and required no second. **Motion** passed. Ilka Riddle abstained.

- **Leadership Development**

Carolyn Knight reported one action item:

- 1) Taskforce for Advocacy is requesting \$45,000 for more printing and meetings. **Motion** to approve was given by Morgan Gattermeyer and Rochelle Hall-Rollins seconded. The **motion** was passed. Michael Denlinger, Michael Richards and Dara Walburn abstained.

- **Outreach**

No action items.

- **Public Policy**

No action items.

- **Technology/Communication**

No action items.

## **F. Announcements**

- Gilbrina Dillon announced that the July '20 Council Meeting location has changed to Embassy Suites on Airport Drive in Columbus, OH.

## **H. Adjournment**

- Chairman Spargo requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Gattermeyer **moved** to adjourn, Lori Kershner seconded, **motion** passed, and meeting adjourned at 1:37p.m.

**Next meeting:** May 7 - 8, 2020 at the Cherry Valley Hotel 2299 Cherry Valley Rd. Newark, OH 43055

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

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Joanna Spargo, Chair

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Dara Walburn, Secretary