



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Community Living Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Vision Statement

People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.

People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:

- Be seen as people first
- Achieve their full potential

Mission Statement

To identify & promote strategies approaches and resources that support adults with developmental disabilities as they choose where and with whom they wish to live... and children with developmental disabilities in safe and nurturing family settings.

LOCATION:

Doubletree Hotel-Newark  
50 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Newark, Ohio 43055

DATE:

May 3, 2018

Members	Present
Emilia Jackson	X
Heather McFarland	X
Rochelle Hall Rollins	X
Vicki Jenkins, DODD, Vice Chair	X
Blaine O'Leary	X
James Plasencia	X
Jill Radler, Chairperson	X
Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	X
Mindy Vance	
Dara Walburn	X

Policy Analyst

Fatica Diana Ayers	X
Ken Latham	
Leslie Paull	
Paul Jarvis	X
Carla Sykes	
Kay Treanor	

Fiscal Staff

Gary Groom	X
Robin Shipp	

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Deb Tackett with James

Dawn Freudenberg, Hamilton County DD Services

Brenda Brandon- ODDC Member

Michael Denlinger- ODDC Member  
Betsy O'Leary  
Rhonda Rich, ODDC Member  
Christine Brown, Nisonger Center  
Billie McAleer, with James (PCA)  
Donna Lowe with Renee  
Sue Willis, ODDC Member

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:10 pm by Jill Radler, new Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. It was announced that Vicki Jenkins was the new Vice Chair of Community Living.

III. Approval of March 8, 2018 Minutes

- A. Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - 1. **Marci Straughter made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed.**
  - 2. **James Plasencia seconded the motion.**
  - 3. **Motion was carried.**
  - 4. **Blaine O'Leary abstained.**

IV. **2019 State Plan Update**

- A. Jill turned the meeting over to Fatica Ayers to share any changes to the Community Living Section of the 2019 State Plan Update.

1. Fatica reviewed the Summary Sheet with the committee and stated there are no changes in the language of the current projects.
  2. Fatica stated Council's Transportation Project is at the brink of being able to sustain itself. They are not sure if things will fall in place by the end of the year.
  3. Fatica recommended that the Transportation Project be included into the 2019 State Plan Update. If they don't need the funds it will be returned to Council. Council has invested a lot in this project and we should not want to lose our investment.
- B. Jill asked for a motion to approve the Community Living Section of the 2019 State Plan Update and include the Transportation Project in it.

**1. James Plasencia made a motion to approve the Community Living Section of the 2019 State Plan Update and include the Transportation Project in it.**

**2. It was seconded by Blaine O'Leary.**

**3. The motion carried.**

V. Project Presentation- Sustaining & Expanding Accessible and Affordable Transportation for people with Disabilities Anytime

- a. Jill turned the meeting over to Jessica Stroh, Project Coordinator. Below are highlights of her presentation:

1. Jessica explained what Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Partnership (HAPCAP) was.
  - a. An initiative of Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty
  - b. Fell under the umbrella of Great Society Programs
  - c. 99% of counties in the United States are served by a Community Action Partnership
  
2. HAPCAP's promise is...
  - a. Community action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.
  
3. She went over the following:
  - a. Mission
  - b. Types of services HAPCAP offers.
  - c. The demographics of Athens County and living in rural areas of the state.
  - d. Disabilities data as it relates to Athens County.
  - e. Poverty Rate
  - f. Unemployment rate
  - g. Number of households without vehicles
  - h. Food insecurity rate
  
4. Some of the barriers to transportation are:
  - a. Cost of owning and operating a vehicle
  - b. Gas, insurance, registration, maintenance

- c. Driver's license suspensions
- d. Ability to drive a vehicle
- e. Family support and availability
- f. Awareness and understanding of what is available
- g. Understanding how to use what is available
- h. Cost to access services
- i. Lack of services based on service area, service time or eligibility
- j. Geography
- k. Other environmental facts like sidewalks
- l. Culture around use of public transit and other supportive services
- m. Coordination of services
- n. Imbalance of resources
- o. Changing landscape of services
- p. Technology

5. Outcomes due to barriers are:

- a. Inability to get and keep a job
- b. Diminished quality of life
- c. Lack of educational opportunities
- d. Inability to access healthcare, food, social services, retail, recreational opportunities
- e. Isolation

- f. Health, including mental health
- g. Lack of Transportation- a system and cause of poverty
- h. Opioid epidemic, infant mortality

6The results of a Disabilities transportation survey was given.

7. She reported on the goals and the various types of transportation systems being operated.

8. Athens on Demand Transit was Developed as a result of Mobility Management

- a. Athens on Demand is a curb-to-curb transportation service
- b. Provides affordable, countywide transportation for senior citizens and people with disabilities.
- c. Fares are \$2.00 one-way
- d. Operates M-F 7:30am – 7:30pm
- e. Since the Program began in 2012, they have provided 41,882 rides.
- f. They have provided numerous travel training and outreach.
- g. The Budget for the project was reviewed.
- h. Working on stabilizing funding streams and increasing contracts for transportation services.

V. Old/New Business

A. There was no old or new business, however Marci shared that she has moved into her new apartment and was very excited.

VI. Adjournment

A. Jill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**1. James Plasencia made a motion to adjourn.**

**2. Marcella Straughter seconded the motion.**

**3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.**