



Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
Community Living Committee

Meeting Minutes

<p><u>Vision Statement</u> People with developmental disabilities can become independent, productive, people, fully integrated and included in their communities and in the fabric of our society.</p> <p>People with developmental disabilities have the programs, services and supports needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be seen as people first</li> <li>• Achieve their full potential</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u> To identify &amp; 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.</p>
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LOCATION:

Crowne Plaza North- Worthington  
6500 Doubletree Avenue  
Columbus ,Ohio

DATE:

July 13, 2017

Members	Present
Emilia Jackson	X
Ann Marie Denning	
Linda Kunick	x
Heather McFarland, Chairperson	x
Rochelle Hall Rollins	x
Vicki Jenkins, DODD	x
Blaine O’Leary	x
James Plasencia	x
Jill Radler	
Mark Seifarh	x
Joanna Spargo	
Marcella Straughter	x
Kim Stults	x
Jeff Turner	x

Renee Wood, Special Advisor	
Mindy Vance	x
Dara Walburn	

Policy Analyst

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

Fiscal Staff

Gary Groom	X
Robin Shipp	X

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Essie Pederson with Linda  
 Deb Tackett & with Jeff & James  
 Bob Laux, Wild River, Inc.  
 Katie Schroeder, DODD  
 Devika Rao, Public Awareness Grantee  
 Betsy O' Leary Blaine's mom  
 Jean Jakovlic, New Council Member  
 Doug Frank, Council Member and Mark Smith w/Doug

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:09 pm by Heather McFarland, Chairperson of the Community Living Committee.
- B. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Announcements

- A. There were no announcements.

III. Approval of May 4, 2017 Minutes

- A. Heather asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - 1. James Plasencia made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
  - 2. Blaine O'Leary seconded the motion.
  - 3. Motion was carried.

#### 1V. Public Policy Updates – Paul Jarvis

##### A. Heather turned the meeting over to Paul Jarvis:

1. Paul stated Carolyn has invited Director Martin to come to Council on Friday to talk about the budget, so he would defer to the Director.

#### V. It's All About Housing Update

##### A. Heather then turned the meeting over Bob Laux who is implementing Council's Project entitled: Maximizing Resources and Changing public policy for housing for adults with disabilities grant. Below are topics that were highlighted in his presentation/update:

###### 1. Subsidies

- a. People we support are at or below 15-18% of AMI
- b. Housing Choice Vouchers (Sec 8) are targeted 75% to AMI at or below 30% AMI, 100% at 50% AMI
- c. TBRA provides temporary (2 yr) Sec 8 type, locally controlled by ConPlan
- d. HOME Choice Vouchers (Sec 811) target 30% AMI
- e. ODoDD targets DC/ICF downsizing
- f. Housing Choice vs Project Based Vouchers
- g. FMR vs Actual expenses
- h. "Family" vs IGR rules (PHA involvement critical!)
- i. County Board subsidies, family resources, etc.
- j. Education of SSA's/Current HUD Budget

###### 2. Consolidated Planning

- a. Local planning efforts to allocate HUD funds
- b. Entitlement versus "rest of state" (ODSA)
- c. Involves CDBG, HOME, TBRA, etc.
- d. Issue of Habitat allocation due to limited pressure
- e. County Boards are asked to become involved because we represent citizens with disabilities.
- f. Many Boards ignore or don't realize importance
- g. Get a "Seat at the table!"

###### 3. Capital

- a. Sources Ohio Capital, LIHTC, National and Ohio
- b. Trust Funds, HOME, CDBG, CHIP, DoDD CCA
- c. Funds, etc.
- d. • Influenced by civil rights, entitlement, advocacy
- e. • Don't ignore private equity funds, social investment,
- f. family resources, bond sales, Realtors, HUD, etc.
- g. • Long term community investment issue!

###### 4. Property Ownership

- a. Separating housing from supports – values issue!

- b. Ohio has existing statutes but avenues around it exist
  - c. Long term issue of investment and use of capital
  - d. Profit versus non-profit – lessons from other states
  - e. Advocate for community investment in housing that reflects community needs!
5. Actual Cost of Property
    - a. Useful life studies illustrate replacement reserves
    - b. Operational, operating reserves, return of equity, replacement reserves, forecasting
    - c. Budgeting actual costs versus only income
    - d. Education, education, education!
  6. Olmstead
    - a. CMS rules – time-frames for implementation
    - b. • Message of choice, control, inclusion, long-term
    - c. financial impact
    - d. • Issue of “values” – we create what we believe is right
  7. Universal Design
    - a. Housing is a community issue – social impact of seniors, veterans, citizens with disabilities – 64 million
    - b. “Visitable” versus universal – conversion costs
  8. Property Tax
    - a. Uniformity of income, level of need, state issue
  9. Proposed changes to Medicaid
    - a. Elimination of expansion
    - b. Caps to states
    - c. Impacts to people with disabilities, seniors and vulnerable
    - d. Advocacy is critical
  10. Proposed changes to HUD
    - a. Elimination of HOME, CDBG, CHIP, rural housing
    - b. Dramatic cuts in vouchers
    - c. Breaking up coordination of homeless supports
    - d. Advocacy is critical
  11. The current administration is placing at risk decades of advancement in community inclusion for citizens with disabilities gained through advocacy, civil rights efforts and community involvement.
  12. It’s hard to achieve Olmstead without resources to implement Medicaid and HUD are requirements for those who are involved.
  13. Advocacy efforts are critical in opposition to proposed changes.
- B.** Heather then turned the meeting over to Katie Schroeder who works for DODD as their Capital Housing Administrator. Below are highlights of her update:
1. Katie replaced Ernie Fischer who retired in March.

2. She has worked for the department for 14 years and is excited to be working on housing and capital for the people in our community.
3. She is in the process of filling a Housing Project Manager vacancy.
4. This housing position is partially funded through a grant from the DD Council.
5. Interviews have taken place and someone's name has been submitted for final approvals.
  - a. This person has a lot of experience in the housing industry and they are excited for them to join the DODD team.
6. Katie discussed the current Community Capital funds and the department's work to leverage those funds with funding options through OHFA.
7. DODD has been working with DHN, Wild River, and CSH to educate county boards and housing corporations about the funding options through OHFA.
8. She also shared that the Rental Assistance Program will continue for Fiscal Year 2018.

## VI. Old/New Business

- A. There was no old/new Business.

## VII. Adjournment

- A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  1. **Blaine O'Leary made a motion to adjourn.**
  2. **James Plasencia seconded the motion.**
  3. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**