



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 N. 2nd Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

DATE:

September 14, 2017

Members	Present
Emilia Jackson	
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	X
Mark Seifarth	X
Joanna Spargo	X
Marcella Straughter	X
Kim Stults	X
Jeff Turner	X
Renee Wood, Special Advisor	
Mindy Vance	X
Dara Walburn	X

Policy Analyst

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

Fiscal Staff

Gary Groom	
Robin Shipp	

Executive Director

Carolyn Knight	X
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GUEST(s):

Essie Pederson with Linda

Deb Tackett & with Jeff & James

Willie Jones, Project Director, OACBDD

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

Christine Brown, Nisonger Center

I. Call to order

- A. The meeting was called to Order at 4:10 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 July 13, 2017 Minutes

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

IV. Presentation/Report: First Responders and Forensic Interviewers- Willie Jones

- A. Heather then turned the meeting over Willie Jones who is the Professional Development/Culture Specialist for the Ohio

Association of County Board. Below are highlights of his presentation:

1. Persons with a cognitive functioning disability had a higher risk of violent victimization than person with any other type of disability.
2. People with cognitive disabilities were four times more likely to be victims of violent crime than the general population.
3. Persons with more than one type of disability accounted for about 56% of all violent crime victimizations against those with any disability.
4. Nearly 1 in 5 violent crime victims with a disability believed that they became a victim because of their disability.
5. The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council grant enable over 70 participants to attend a free training related to Best Practices for crime victims who have a developmental disability.
6. The pilot training was focused on providing First Responders and Forensic Interviewers with awareness of the capabilities and communication needs of people with developmental disabilities and tools to use to gather information that can be used to support a prosecution when a crime toward a person with a developmental disability has been committed.
7. They are really focus on prosecution.
8. Target abuse from many different levels.
9. Mr. Jones shared information about the national picture as it relates to this issue.
10. Contributing factors to abuse was presented.
11. On October 3 & 4 of 2016, invited representatives from local law enforcement, child & adult protective services will attend a 2-day training using materials from Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims

w/Disabilities: Collaborative, Multidisciplinary First Response, techniques for First Responders called to help crime victims who have disabilities.

12. October 24 & 25, invited representatives from local courts in Stark county will attend a 2-day training on Forensic Interviewing with materials from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Victims w/Disabilities: The Forensic Interview, techniques for interviewing victims with communication and/or cognitive disabilities.
13. What is abuse like in Ohio was discussed with feedback from Council Members.

V. Old/New Business

- A. Heather stated that Renee Woods has been functioning as Special Advisor on Housing and other issues as needed for the Community Living Committee. She has agreed to continue in that capacity on behalf of Council.
- B. Heather asked if everyone agreed to continue the reappointment of Renee Woods as Housing Special Advisor for Community Living she would need a motion:
 1. **Jeff Turner made a motion to continue Renee woods as Special Advisor.**
 2. **Rochelle Hall- Rollins seconded the motion.**
 3. **Motion carried.**

VI. Adjournment

- A. Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 1. **Jeff Turner made a motion to adjourn.**
 2. **James Plasencia seconded the motion.**
 3. **The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**