

# OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

## Employment Committee

March 2, 2017  
Crowne Plaza North  
6500 Doubletree Ave  
Columbus, Ohio

### MEMBER

AnnMarie Denning, V-Chair  
Kristen Helling  
Vicki Jenkins  
Karen Kerr  
Linda Kunick  
Lori Kershner  
Heather McFarlin  
Blaine O'Leary  
James Plasencia  
Jill Radler

### PRESENT

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### MEMBER

Mark Seifarth  
Mark Smith  
Jo Spargo  
Marcia Straughter  
Kimberly Stults  
Jeffrey Turner  
Mindy Vance  
Dara Walburn  
Brandon White  
Sue Willis, Chair

### PRESENT

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X-on phone  
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### STAFF PRESENT

Fatica Ayers  
Gary Groom

### SPECIAL ADVISOR

Tom Hess

### OTHER COUNCIL

#### PRESENT

Rochelle Hall-Rollins

#### GUESTS PRESENT

Deb Tackett  
Essie Pederson  
Betsy O'Leary  
Renee Wood  
Brenda Stevens  
Donna Lowe  
Cheryl Strohl  
Madeline Rosenshein  
Chris Filler  
Rachel McMahan

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To improve and expand opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to obtain and maintain employment in the community to the best of their ability.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Sue Willis, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

A. Sue asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Sue opened the floor for committee members to share any announcements they may have. Below are the announcements that were provided:

1. Tom Hess stated the Ohio APSE Conference will take place on April 24-25, 2017 and they were looking for advocates to speak during a 30-minute slot on April 25. The advocate would just talk about their life.
  - a. The Conference would take place at the Crowne Plaza located at 6500 Doubletree.
    - (1) Brandon White & Marcella Straughter both volunteered to speak.
2. Marci shared with the committee that she and others spoke about Employment to Director Martin.

### **IV. PROJECT UPDATE- REALIZING EMPLOYMENT FIRST FOR YOUTH: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES AND PREDICATORS OF ADULT SUCCESS**

- A. Sue Willis turned the meeting over to Madeline Rosenshein, Chris Filler from OCALI and Rachel McMahan Queen from Kent State University. The PowerPoint presentation is attached or available upon request.
- B. Below are highlights of their presentation:
1. There was a hand-out disseminated entitled: "Evidence Based Practices for Transition Youth- Ohio Employment First Framework Evidence Based Practices Tool." This document is what the presenters shared in the committee.
  2. The Evidence Based Practices and Predictors provide transition professionals with research-based strategies useful across all systems to build youth skills for community employment.
  3. The focus of the project is transitioning youth in school and working with teachers in school to utilize evidence based practices.
  4. The data reveals that by utilizing evidenced based practices it leads to better employment and outcomes.

5. All strategies are individualized for each student.
  6. Teachers must know practices and make sure students are benefiting from it as they collect data.
  7. Teachers may have to target student's goals such as organizational skills.
  8. This project does tie into the Employment First Initiative or Framework.
- C. The presenters broke the Employment Committee Members into four (4) Teams, to demonstrate there are a variety of ways to teach and learn something. The committee teams were instructed to teach someone to bag groceries or to set a table. This was indeed an exciting but thought provoking activity.

V. **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sue asked Marci to show her poster and explain it from Team East.
- B. Tom Hess shared that it was the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of Employment First. There is a place on their website where people are invited to take a picture and share what their jobs means to them.

VI. **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

- A. **Due to all the excitement in the committee, the Interim Staff person (Fatica Ayers) failed to remind the Chair to get minutes approved from December 8, 2016 minutes.**
  1. **They will need to be approved at the May 4, 2017 meeting.**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Sue Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon White moved to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.