



Employment Committee

September 13, 2018
Doubletree Hotel - Newark
50 N. 2nd Street
Newark, Ohio 43055
2:35pm-4:05pm

Minutes

Members present

- X Brenda Brandon
- X Michael Denlinger
- X Rochelle Hall-Rollins
- X Vicki Jenkins
- X Karen Kerr
 - Lori Kershner
- X Shannon Komisarek
 - Heather McFarlin
- X Blaine O'Leary
- X James Plasencia
 - Jill Radler
- X Michael Richards
 - Mark Smith
- X Jo Spargo
- X Marci Straughter
 - Mindy Vance
- X Dara Walburn
- X Brandon White
 - Sue Willis

Staff

Leslie Paull
Carolyn Knight
Paul Jarvis
Robin Shipp
Carla Cox

Guests present

Christine Brown
Billie McAleer
Debra Pennigton
Betsy O'Leary
Renee Wood
Kathy Kikel
Kraig Walker
Bob Laux
Beth Graham
LoriHorvath
Mark Seifath (On Phone)
Kathy Seecamp
Rashawnda Clemons
Stacey Collins

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- A. Blaine O'Leary, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM with Introductions.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes

- A. Blaine O'Leary asked for a motion to accept the July 12, 2018 Employment Committee minutes.
 - Jo Spargo moved to accept the minutes.
 - Dara Walburn seconded it.
 - July 12, 2018 minutes were approved.

III. Question and answer session with the experts

- A. A panel of experts that included: Lori Horvath from Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Kathy Seecamp from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Stacy Collins from Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Paul Jarvis from the Ohio DD Council answered questions council members had on various topics.
Comments made included:
 - To get technology through the waiver there needs to be a disability related reason for the need. There is an appeal process if denied.

- Due process information is difficult and scary. Many people don't understand it. DODD has developed training for people with disabilities and their families.
- SSDI eligibility is determined by work history and is tied to Medicare.
- Stable accounts are available in any state, but you can only have one account.
- The ODDC Estate Planning booklet has lots of useful information.

IV. Employer Engagement

- A. The Employer Engagement grant was delayed due to staff changes at Best Buddies Ohio.
- **Brenda Brandon moved to extend the 2018 grant year to May 31, 2019 and change the 2019 grant year to June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020.**
 - **James Placensia seconded it.**
 - **All agreed. Motion passed.**

V. Old Business/ New Business

- A. Mark Seifath, special advisor, provided information on the new OOD council, YLF and the September 5 hearing on Money Follows the Person.

V. Adjournment

- A. Blaine O'Leary asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dara Walburn moved to adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting: March 6, 2019

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