



Employment Committee

September 12, 2019
Embassy Suites - Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017
2:15pm-3:40pm

Minutes

Members present

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

Staff

- Carla Cox
- Carolyn Knight

Other council members present

- Rachel Rice

Special Advisor(s)

Mark Seifarth

Guests present

Sherrie Hathaway, Lucas CBDD

Billie McAleer

Christine Brown

Beth Graham

Ellen Hudson

Debbie Kunick

Linda Kunick

Deborah Pennington

Kraig Walker

Jeanette Welch, DODD

Dawn White

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- A. Shannon Komisarek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:20pm with Introductions.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes

- A. Shannon Komisarek asked for a motion to accept the July 11, 2019, Employment Committee minutes.
 - Michael Denlinger moved to accept the minutes as written.
 - Brenda Brandon seconded it.
 - Rochelle Hall-Rollins, Jill Radler and Vicki Jenkins abstained.
 - July 11, 2019 Employment Committee minutes were approved.

III. Money Matters

- A. Sherri Hathaway, grantee, Lucas County Board of DD, provided a presentation on the Money Matters grant. Ms. Hathaway's presentation highlighted the Areas of Focus, the Execution Process and their Outreach Efforts.
- B. Areas of Focus:
 - Information about work incentives (1)
 - Personal finance & management skills (2)
 - Skills needed to become employable and to advance in the workplace (3)

- C. Execution process:
- Informational interactive sessions
 - Educational information and tools provided
 - Incentives
 - Classes facilitated and partnership with classmates and professors
- D. The training courses are specific to the areas of focus. They are:
- 1) – Work Benefits You
 - 2) – All About the Money (spiral model*)
 - 3) – Skills for Success
- *The spiral model and a few of the tools used for the training came from Project STIR
- E. The targeted Outreach efforts for the un/underserved are African Americans, Hispanic, those living in poverty and limited English proficiency.
- F. Carolyn Knight was very pleased with the presentation and suggested the presentation be made at the County Board Conference. She stated that she would contact Bridget Gargan, Executive Director at the Ohio Association of County Boards.

IV. Special Advisor Report

- A. Mark Seifarth provided a report for the committee.
- He spoke briefly about a meeting he and Carolyn Knight attended with Director Miller and Eric Williamson from OOD regarding resources through internships within the state agencies to get people with disabilities employed. Mark mentioned there was a follow up meeting which Carolyn Knight also attended. Director Miller stated that he would like to start working with Mark and Council to place people with developmental disabilities in the Ohio legislature. Carolyn said that Director Miller was very positive and she is very pleased that OOD, DODD and ODDC are working together.
 - Shannon Komisarek added that OOD will be providing Disability Awareness training to all state agencies. OOD's first intern is currently with the Department of Aging and taking ASL classes.
- B. Mark informed the committee that the video of ADA has

been archived and Leslie Paull will send it out so people can look at it anytime. He then proceeded to briefly provide history of Marca Bristo, one of the founding members of the National Council of Disability at the age of 66 who recently passed. She crawled up the US Capital steps to pass the ADA. He also mentioned others such as: Ken Campbell and Judy Human. Mark wanted the committee to remember that they are the next ramp to help the next person up the ramp to continue to work.

V. Announcements

- A. Shannon Komisarek stated that National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is in October. She suggested that Council members attend the regional job fairs and requested that the list be added to the Council website.
- B. Vicki Jenkins informed the committee that an article about jobs for people with disabilities was in the Columbus CEO entitled: "*The Dignity of Choice*". She stated that she would give it to Carolyn Knight for distribution to Council members.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Shannon Komisarek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Brandon moved to adjourn. Dara Walburn seconded it. The meeting ended at 3:26 p.m.

Next meeting: June 3, 2020

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