

## **Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council**

Executive Committee

**May 2, 2019**

Embassy Suites Hotel - Dublin

5100 Upper Metro Place

Dublin, OH 43017

### **Minutes**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Joanna ‘Jo’ Spargo, Chair, Karen Kerr, Vice Chair, Dara Walburn, Secretary, Sue Willis, Paula Rabidoux, Blaine O’Leary, Jill Radler and Rochelle Hall-Rollins **Non-members present:** James Plasencia **Staff Present:** Carolyn Knight, Carla Cox, Leslie Paull and Robin Shipp **Guests:** Mark Seifarth and Beth Graham

Chair Jo Spargo called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Spargo asked the Executive Committee members for a motion to approve the March 6, 2019, minutes. Blaine O’Leary **moved** to approve the minutes, Karen Kerr seconded **motion** passed. Paula Rabidoux, Sue Willis and Rochelle Hall-Rollins abstained.

#### **II. Continuation Grant Review – Employer Engagement \$ 65,000 – Best Buddies - Leslie Paull**

Leslie Paull presented to the committee the continuation grant review for Employer Engagement. Leslie briefly summarized the grant and her concerns with outcomes related to the original intention of the grant plan language. She recommended that the grant not be approved for funding in 2019. The Employment Committee is not including the Employer Engagement grant in the 2020 State Plan.

During discussion Rochelle Hall-Rollins indicated that the goal of the grant was important and she would not want to see Council lose the concept. She added that hopefully we can still move forward, since employers need to be made aware of benefits of hiring people with disabilities. Leslie and

the committee agreed to move forward to determine a better method to achieve this goal. Paula Rabidoux asked if another grantee would be chosen for this topic. Leslie answered that the Employment Committee would come in July with a recommendation.

Chair Spargo asked for a motion to not approve the Employer Engagement Grant application funding for 2019. Paula Rabidoux **moved** to not approve the Employer Engagement Grant application funding for 2019, Blaine O'Leary seconded and **motion** passed.

### III. Discretionary Fund Requests

Chair Spargo turned the meeting over to Carolyn Knight to provide a summary of the requests.

- Synergy – Requested \$5,000 to support/sponsor the 2019 Synergy Conference. The collaboration between PAR and OSDA has expanded to include the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) and Primary Solutions (PSI).

Sue Willis **moved** to approve the Synergy request for \$5,000 to support/sponsor the 2019 Synergy Conference to include additional collaboration with OADSP and PSI, Rochelle Hall-Rollins seconded, **motion** passed.

- Shari Cooper – Requested \$4,526 to provide assistance with her travel and PCA expenses for her presentation at the plenary opening of the 2019 National Association of Councils of Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Conference in New Orleans on July 10-11-2019. Her presentation was selected out of a huge number of other applicants from around the country.

After discussion occurred, Blaine O'Leary **moved** to approve the request for Shari Cooper as written. Jill Radler seconded, **motion** passed.

### IV. Other Business

**2019 State Plan Language Updates** – Carla Cox stated that it was time to review the plan language for the Executive Committee for the 2020 State Plan Update. The plan update will be approved with a compilation of all committees' plan language in July. Carla stated that no changes were needed in the existing language and asked for a vote to approve the current language. Paula Rabidoux **moved** to approve the plan language as written, Rochelle Hall-Rollins seconded, **motion** passed.

**Shared Living** – Dara Walburn shared her recent story of moving into a shared living setting. She expressed how pleased she was with the arrangement.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Spargo asked for a **motion** to adjourn. Blaine O'Leary **moved** to adjourn, Dara Walburn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.