

**Outreach-Unserved-Underserved**  
Embassy Suites Hotel—Dublin, Ohio  
5100 Upper Metro Place  
Sept. 12, 2019  
11:05am—12:35p.m  
Notes taken by Ken Latham

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Mission Statement

To conduct outreach activities to identify individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who otherwise might not come to the attention of the Council and enable individuals and families to obtain services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance including access to special adaptation of generic community or specialized services.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>	
Paula Rabidoux	X
Brenda Brandon	X
Michael Denlinger	X
Rachel Rice	X
Michael Richards	X
Marci Straughter	X
Rochelle Hall-Rollins	X
Karen Kerr	X
Jill Radler	X
Rhonda Rich	X
Victor Wilson	
Jean Jakovlic	
Vicki Jenkins	X
Bobbi Krabill	X
Kellie Brown	
Morgan Gattermeyer	X
Michael Schroeder, Special Advisor	X
<b>Staff</b>	
Carolyn Knight	X

Ken Latham	X
Fatica Ayers	X
Carla Cox	X
Robin Shipp	X
Gilbrina Dillon	X
	X
<b>Guest</b>	
Kari Jones	X
Amanda Johnson	X
Christine Brown	X
Deborah Pennington	X
Kraig Walker	X
Joan Spargo, Council Chairperson	X
Mark Seifarth	X

**A. The Outreach meeting was called to ordered at 11:05 by Chairperson Paula Rabidoux**

1. Introduction of Attendees
2. Approval of July 12, 2019 Outreach Minutes
3. Minutes approved---
4. Abstentions----

**B. Comments/Remarks-----**The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio has increased efforts to outreach to more African American families to participate in support and Advocacy groups. Just 5% of their members are African American, even though blacks are just as likely as Whites to have the genetic condition.

**Agenda 1. Presentation---Kari Jones, CEO, Amanda Johnson, Vice President,**

Ms. Jones informed the Outreach committee that the Down Syndrome Association discussed what they could be doing differently to bring more minority participation to the association.

With the present membership at 5%, and the community at 25% African American, they could be doing a better job of inclusion. The local association is among several disability groups nationwide that are trying to do a better job engaging minorities. The goal is to meet people where they are as it relates to the Cultural and linguistically differences.

Research and discussions by individuals and organizations indicates that minority individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities aren't fairing as well as whites, stated by Peter Berns, CEO of the Arc.

Support and advocacy organizations can appear unwelcoming to minority families for a variety of reasons, from meeting locations and discussion topics, to cultural differences and socioeconomic disparities. There are many stories that are documented why most minorities don't participate in the mainstream disability support and advocacy activities in the community.

Additional groups reached out to will be through Cultural outreach efforts are Latinos, Somali, and Appalachian through project collaboration.

The outreach committee did inform Ms. Jones and Johnson that we would assist in any way possible, and we appreciated that they shared some of their strategies with the outreach committee in the presentation.

**There were no additional announcements in Outreach.**

**Meeting Adjourned---12:35**