



Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2013
400 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
The Learning Center

Attendees:

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| Matt Sauer, Chair GCPD |
| Judy Sauer, PA |
| Chuck Beatty, member |
| Bryan Grubb, member |
| Tonya Grubb, PA |
| Marshall Kimmel, member |
| Harry Prestanski, member |
| Victoria Willford, member |
| Kevin Willford, PA |
| Meghan Vaple, guest |
| Lori Hall, guest |
| Donna Schultz, guest |
| Jane Allinder, interpreter |
| Kristin Reed, interpreter DSC |
| Donna Foster, staff |
| Larry McCartney, staff |
| Sara Clark, PRI court reporter |
| Lewis Wright, interpreter DSC |
| Tonya, interpreter RIA |
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Introductions of all members present were made.

Three guests were introduced:

Lori Hall from Cardinal Health, Donna Schultz, member of the Deaf-Blind community and Meghan Vaple from Heritage Ohio.

Donna Foster and Brad Reynolds gave a short update regarding new members. Bob Thurman was reappointed and 4 new members were appointed: Rob Glenn, Kevin Reardon, Christine Huggins and Josh Hahn. Three new members are from the Columbus area and Ms. Huggins is from Marietta, Ohio.

The Chair, Matt Sauer, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to approve meeting minutes from November 2013. Members voted and approved the minutes as written.

The next item of business was updates on each member's community organization.

UPDATES ON DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chair Sauer asked each member to become connected with two disability organizations in their area, and then to report any business or trends within this organization.

Matt Sauer

*United Cerebral Palsy of Cincinnati – They have recently united with Stepping Stones to create a much larger, well-funded agency. They will be working with all disability groups and doing a much broader community outreach. No new updates since last month.

Chair Sauer reported that he will be the mentor/advisor of a new advocacy student group at the University of Cincinnati which uses social media to discuss different issues, like workplace disclosure and the perception of mental illness in the workplace. No new updates since last month.

Harry Prestanski

*Butler County Board of DD – Prestanski has been asked by them to be a part of their Employment First Leadership Team and will meet with them over the next month to discuss this.

Prestanski also attended a Veteran's meeting sponsored by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio. It was a great networking opportunity.

Victoria Willford

*Senate Bill 23 the Adoption Release of Records Act has passed. This will allow all individuals who have been adopted to have access to medical records. This is important to all, but can be especially important for those with disabilities.

*Willford participated in a video with the Nisonger Center for First Responders about assisting people with disabilities. She has not seen it yet, but thinks it went well. The Willfords were one of a few couples that participated in a short film by a YLF alumnus.

Bryan Grubb

*Ohio Association of Deaf-Blind – the Deaf-Blind community in Ohio desperately needs a Support Service Provider Program. SSP's work with individuals who are deaf-blind to lead a more independent life. Donna Schultz, advocate, is a guest of Bryan Grubb's today. Grubb is scheduled to meet with Senator Burke in early January.

Marshall Kimmel

Kimmel reiterated the lack of psychiatric service providers in Appalachia Ohio and also the lack of transition services in that part of the state.

Chuck Beatty

*Warren County Board of DD – attended the annual conference of the Association of County Boards in December. He gave members a quick update regarding the conference.

*Employment First Advisory Council - The council is discussing the advantages of benefit consultations for PWD who would like to be employed in the community.

The next item for discussion was the letter to the Governor. Changes were made and the council accepted the letter. Staff will make changes and send it prior to the New Year.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Next on the agenda was Steve Wilson with a legislative update. Wilson provided a legislation tracker to members. Wilson explained HB 286, a bill for DD Council being allowed to meet via teleconference and video conference. Wilson asked Council members if they would like to try to add GCPD to this bill or start a bill of their allowing GCPD to meet via teleconference. Chuck Beatty made a motion to allow Wilson to investigate options and all members seconded.

Beatty followed up with an update regarding the GCPD legislation. Beatty met with Senator Bacon and a bill was written by LSC. Beatty distributed a copy to all Council members. Chair Sauer offered a motion to allow Beatty to proceed with the bill and all members agreed.

Beatty added that he represented the Council at a meeting at the Statehouse organized by Christine Brown regarding increasing the cap on Medicaid. He also stated that he will be meeting with Patrick Beatty, from Ohio Jobs and Family Services, to discuss some issues related to MBIWD.

Public comments started next. The first guest was Nathan Bevil from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. He came to Council to ask for assistance regarding the Ohio Historic Preservation Plan. This is the document that guides historic preservation activities across the state. Currently, they are working on updating the plan and making it more inclusive and addressing large issues that are facing Ohio, including accessibility. Chair Sauer recommended that this potentially be addressed by the Access Committee and the Council will keep Mr. Bevil updated on meetings of that subgroup.

Donna Schultz was the next guest. She spoke as a representative of the Deaf-Blind community. She reiterated Bryan's concerns and support for trying to set up a SSP program in Ohio. Some services may be available through OOD, but Schultz explained that not all deaf-blind individuals feel comfortable with working in the community.

The last guest present introduced herself as Lori Hall, Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at Cardinal Health. She came to observe and offered to be a liaison for the Employment Committee.

LUNCH RECESS

Upon returning from the lunch, the Council reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that was developed by an intern in the Communications Department at OOD. It was determined to divide the current draft into two presentations: one on GCPD and the other on YLF. Staff will make the needed revisions and will bring it to the next meeting for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed ideas for the orientation of new members and how the next meeting should be scheduled. It was also stated that as membership grows, the meeting may be moved to the 150 building to accommodate the larger group.

Chair Sauer applauded everyone's efforts in moving forward and expressed his enthusiasm and optimism for the future of GCPD.

MEETING ADJOURNED