



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2012
400 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
Columbus/Zanesville Room**

Attendees:

Matt Sauer, Chair GCPD
Judy Sauer, PA
Chuck Beatty, member
Toni Bigby, member
Bryan Grubb, member
Tonya Grubb, PA
Marshall Kimmel, member
Karin Mendoza, member
Robert Mitchell, member
Harry Prestanski, member
Scott Lissner, guest
Melissa Marshall, interpreter
Rhonda Phelps, interpreter
Sara Clark, PRI
Donna Foster, staff
Larry McCartney, staff

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Matt Sauer.
Meeting minutes from November were accepted as written.

Eight Council members were present. GCPD has 15 current active members, so quorum has been met. Meeting was held.

ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING/DISABILITY JOBS SUMMIT

No update yet on annual awards meeting merging with the Disability Jobs Summit, but Council will continue working towards this end. Foster has reached out to the planning committee stating GCPD's interest in becoming more involved with the 2013 event. Council agreed that a working meeting will be added in August. August 14 and 15 will be added to the schedule.

TO DO: Staff will schedule room and add meeting dates to calendar for August. Staff will also ask Brad Reynolds for next steps regarding merger of two events. Sauer asked for staff to update him after their Monday meetings with Reynolds.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

Bob Thurman was unable to attend this meeting. His draft procedure was included in the meeting packet. Council reviewed the document and made comments.

TO DO: It was determined that each committee will determine at least two criteria specific to their award and Thurman will determine criteria that is common among all awards prior to the next meeting.

LETTER WRITTEN BY CHUCK BEATTY REGARDING STATUTE

Members who were absent last meeting were updated regarding the letter written by Chuck Beatty to his State Rep regarding the statute governing GCPD. Beatty also reported that he briefly spoke with Director Miller after November's meeting and the director stated his agreement with the changes.

TO DO: Staff will follow up with Reynolds regarding next steps of the letter and possibly get an official letter of agreement from RSC. Beatty will contact his State Rep to see if he is interested in sponsoring a bill to make the changes.

TO DO: Staff will set up 30 - 60 minute phone conference with Reynolds, Sauer and Beatty to discuss this letter and other information/ TO DO's.

UPDATES ON DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS - Sauer asked each member to become connected with 2 disability organizations in their area, and then to report at meetings any business or trends within this organization.

Matt Sauer

*United Cerebral Palsy of Cincinnati – now works with all disability groups.

Organization has seen a decline in funding and is now partnering with different agencies to provide services. Wondering if this "reconfiguration" is a trend in Ohio.

*NAMI of Hamilton County – has increased the agency's paid staff from one to four. The organization has increased the number and variety of consumer to consumer groups that it offers.

Chuck Beatty

*Warren County Board of DD – no news

*Family Advisory Council – meets bimonthly to discuss issues in the disability community. Last month Dr. Martin from DODD was a guest

Marshall Kimmel

*Board of Regents – current concern is reporting information from each school/university in Ohio. Each school has different software that is being used which leads to different data collection and irregularities in numbers.

*Woodland Centers – Private mental health facility in Appalachia. They are experiencing a crisis with funding for the indigent and are turning away many people including veterans. There also is an extreme shortage of psychiatrists serving this area. Would like the state to look at loan forgiveness or other programs that would pull professionals to this area.

Harry Prestanski

*Butler County Board of DD – will attend a meeting next week and will learn more about their Bridges to Transition program.

*Butler County Arc – reached out to this organization.

Robert Mitchell

*United Methodist Community Center for Veterans – received a \$300,000 grant to assist homeless veterans in Youngstown with jobs and other needs i.e.: resolving legal history prior to employment search.

*Meridian Community Care Services – helping addicts recover, find work and homes.

Toni Bigby

*Olmstead Task Force – the mission is to advocate for life in the community with dignity and justice for Ohioans with disabilities. Currently watching to see how Ohio will implement the statewide Medicaid expansion.

Scott Lissner

*Ohio AHEAD – the state affiliate for the association of higher education and disability.

Bryan Grubb

*Ohio Association of Deaf Blind – 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 – going to the store, banking, catching up on current events, etc.

TO DO: Staff will discuss with Reynolds on how to pass recommendations/positions on to the Governor's office.

TO DO: Prior to the next meeting, members will write a small paragraph about their pressing issue, including stats, data, recommendations, etc. to be used for development of a position paper to be sent to the Governor's office . Email the paragraph to Foster.

Chuck Beatty and Harry Prestanski reported that they attended the 29th annual convention of the Ohio Association of County Boards. This event was Dec 5- 7 at the Easton Town Center Hilton. OACB waived registration for two members of GCPD and GCPD agreed to pay room and board. The training consisted of many national speakers, training sessions and after hour events. Both members stated the information and the networking was good.

GUEST VISIT – Gary Tonks, Executive Director, The ARC of Ohio. Gary presented information regarding his organization and the current changes with waivers in Ohio. Sauer signed the MOU for GCPD to partner with The ARC of Ohio for YLF 2013.

Beatty updated the council that he has completed the goal of presenting MBIWD to 4 county board offices: Athens, Springfield, Hancock and Clearmont.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE AND ACTION PLAN

Goal: Expand the Executive Order - Employment First to include all people with disabilities not just developmental disabilities.

Shari Cooper asked Carolyn Knight if she can be a liaison and she agreed. Knight could not attend this meeting. No need to contact DODD for liaison. Committee Chair Thurman was not present for the meeting.

TO DO: Members will locate the original Executive Order written in 2011. Connie O'Brien may have it. Language can be updated and then sent to the Governor's office.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ACTION PLAN

Goal: Ten students from YLF to participate in future leadership training, such as Partners in Policy making, Ohio Self Determination, People First.

Committee Chair Cooper presented a solid plan to accomplish this task. Council approved and made no changes to the plan of the Education committee. Short discussion of how to have "buy in" from the YLF alumni if they are not paying for training. Recommendation of free, but if you don't show up you must pay back the cost of training. Also discussion that during the 2014 YLF, the students could do a special session about their additional training.

TO DO: Staff will research with Reynolds the ability to use GCPD funds for training for YLF alumni.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE AND ACTION PLAN

Goal: Determine how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as implemented in Ohio will affect PWD.

Committee Chair Willford was not present. Council member Bigby reported that the committee would like to write a white paper or develop a presentation on this issue and then use each member and their affiliation with other disability groups to get the information out.

ACCESS COMMITTEE AND ACTION PLAN

Goal: Develop a database network/ mailing list for sharing information.

Committee Chair Grubb suggested starting a distribution list that would stay with the GCPD and not only to one staff person. That would prevent the loss of information if there is staff turnover. All members could include their contacts and messages could state on the bottom "public information please distribute"

Staff checked with IT to see what happened to Pam Carter's info on her computer. Staff was advised to contact the legal department to see if they had it.

TO DO: Staff will discuss with IT if we can set up email on our website GCPD@rsc.ohio.gov , how Staff will access this email, if RSC needs to "vet" the information and if a distribution list can be set up within it.

NEW BUSINESS

Public meeting announcements of meetings – Meeting dates are on the website and also sent out to liaisons.

TO DO: Staff will work with Reynolds for public meeting announcements and what needs to be done to be in compliance with regulations. Possible to add a link to the website in the announcement and also ask the members to distribute.

TO DO: Staff will resend roster to members.

Motion for adjournment by Bigby, Beatty seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.