



**Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016
150 E. Campus Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
Ken Campbell Conference Room**

Council Member Attendees: Stephanie Garrett, Victoria Baker-Willford, Bryan Grubb, Christine Brown, Melinda Kale, Robert Heidt, Sean Bailey

OOD Staff: Donna Foster, Program Administrator, Shirley Marchi, Program Administrator, Kevin Holtsberry, Chief, Office of Communications

Guests: Kevin Willford, Jane Allinder, Tonya Grubb, Derek Mortland

Welcome and Introductions

Victoria Baker-Willford determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Review of Information in Packet

Council members reviewed the information in the packet.

Approval of Minutes

Council member Stephanie Garrett moved to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes, seconded by Council member Christine Brown. Motion carried.

Youth Leadership Forum Update

Donna Foster, Program Administrator, provided an update on the Youth Leadership Forum. The Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) program has been moved under OOD's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. The YLF is being held on July 31-August 4, 2016 in Columbus. Applications are due by March 31, 2016.

Community Updates by Council Members

Council members provided updates as follows:

- OOD and DOD - Employment First. Over 150 people were in attendance.
- The next Employment First event is scheduled in the fall. Mayor Ginther and City Council member Michael Stinziano are planning to have a benefits analysis presentation.
- Woodlake is continuing with privatization on October 1, 2016. Transition from high school to college - Bowling Green State University is offering support system for next quarter for students with disabilities.
- Fayetteville Schools are working on a levy to pass.
- New initiative – Deaf grassroots of Ohio. There is a national organization that is similar to this. Trying to pull in leadership from all groups. There will be five new regions – northwest, northeast, central, southeast and southwest and will be run by individuals who are deaf. We were planning a deaf history month in March, 2016, but it was denied by the Governor because there is already a national deaf history month. The Governor's Office asked us to work with that date.
- In Missouri, they have requested \$300,000 to implement an SSP program. They are trying to get more people out in community.
- A sample waiver for deaf-blind is going to be shared with the Director of Medicaid. There are two levies in Union county that are on the ballot. Some issues are Medicaid and some are not. We need to look at how to improve the lives of people who do not have Medicaid.
- ReelAbilities Film Festival - shown in Cincinnati area – brings together the community to promote awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different abilities. It showcases films, conversation and artistic programs to explore, embrace and celebrate the diversity of shared human experience.
- Veterans with TBI and PTSD film is coming in 2017.

- Heroin epidemic issue is being discussed with police department.
- Veterans Final Salute Society ensures no veteran is ever buried alone. Final Salute Society members stand a silent vigil at funerals for veterans who have no next of kin present to receive a final salute to honor their service to our nation.
- The Superintendent of DD is having two board meetings. GCPD member will be assisting with the meetings.
- DD Advocacy and Awareness Day. Received 500 applications. Registration is closed. Twenty-four counties with transportation assistance were targeted. National Core Indicators provided a survey to people getting DODD services. The information was entered into a data base. DODD gets final report about what they are and are not doing right. Survey starts March and ends June.

Sunset Review Committee Update

Kevin Holtsberry, Chief, Office of Communications, reported the Sunset Review Committee is still in the committee process. They will make a decision then draft a bill. The bill will then go through the House and Senate. The Sunset Review Committee is designed to hear the process, not hear legislation. OOD's Assistant Executive Director Bill Bishilany testified on two separate occasions on behalf of OOD. The timeline is six months to one year for the process. If OOD becomes a State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), it will be made up mostly of people with disabilities.

Letter to Governor Review

GCPD members reviewed the letter to the Governor. The letter was sent to the Chair for final edits. The Chair will forward to Shirley Marchi to mail to the Governor's Office.

Disclosing a Disability Related to Reasonable Accommodations in Employment

Derek Mortland, ADA and Community Outreach Coordinator with The Center for Disability Empowerment, presented information on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title I. Businesses must have

15 or more employees for ADA to apply. ADA does not apply to the federal government; however Section 503 does. Employers may not ask on an application about a person's disability. In addition, Mr. Mortland presented information on the ADA of 1990, definition of disability, major life activities, disclosure, reasonable accommodations, qualified person with a disability and covered employers.

Objectives for 2016: Where to go from here

This item was moved to the April 20, 2016 meeting.

Old Business

No old business reported.

New Business

No new business reported.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

Council member Sean Bailed moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bryan Grubb. Motion carried.