OPRA Day Array Committee Notes

5/2/19

9:30 – 12:00

In attendance: Megan Craun, Bob Gaston, Bob Gastou, Jeff Johnson, Phil Miller, Melissa Morelli, Liz Owens, Melissa Oxenford, Rich Patterson, Melissa Skaggs, Brenda Smith, Kurt Smit, Amanda South, Mary Thompson-Hufford, Jeanne Turner, Van Vinnie, Angela Wise, Julie Abiecunas, plus 14 members online

I. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u>

    a. OPRA Committee Structure (flow chart)
   - i. Discussion about county boards that may still be privatizing. Do we need a workgroup for these CBs/Providers? Working on getting a better feel of which counties are privatized and which are not. Different interpretations of the term privatization. Discussion and agreement to not have a committee specific to privatization, but instead assisting counties one on one as needed.

    b. Committee voting procedure – Discussion about who should vote on issues, all members or only members that provide that service? Agreement that it needs to be consistent if all members vote on all issues, even if they don't provide the service being voted on.

II. <u>Reports from Partner Entities</u>

    a. OOD - Shannon Komisarek
   - i. Staff changes at OOD – Shannon introduced Beth Stephens (present at meeting) and Brian Bumgardner as new assistant deputies.
   - ii. Director Millers budget includes 17.4 million for year one, and 18.9 million for year 2. Areas for budget: Mental health/drug addiction, transition age youth, higher ed, disability inclusion with state agencies
   - iii. Discussion about Director Miller and his visits to a couple of Member Voc Hab programs.
   - iv. OOD is committed to being proactive and partnering with stakeholders

    b. Scott Marks from OACB
   - i. NMT Proposal: The workgroup met for over 2 years and created a proposal that OPRA supported. Cost would be about 5 million in match. Some barriers have come up in the last month or so to furthering the proposal so a modified proposal has been developed. The previous proposal had higher rates for 4 or more for per trip. The more current proposal leaves the current rates for per trip as is, but keeps rest of proposal intact. Would still cost 5 million. There is an

amendment that has been submitted that may put a halt to much of this, although there may be a way around it. No matter what, may still be possible to change language to use per trip to take people to college and volunteering, take out vehicles size and modifications language in the current per trip language so more vehicle flexibility, and still find a way to get per mile for community integration and to get rates up for HPC transportation (per mile). Discussion about need for solution so providers know what way to move with their fleets and how if the proposal does not go through it may be harmful to providers. Discussion about what vehicle flexibility might do to needed match. Scott feels about 5 million in match would still be needed, but we will need more for the per mile for community integration. Discussion about ODOT and how OPRA needs to be more involved in ODOT budget asks because it impacts providers.

c. DODD – Stacy Collins from DODD.
   i. Creating a Voc Hab memo stating that providers do not need a create and submit a written plan by August as previously stated.
   ii. Guidance for "on behalf of " NMT services should be out in the next 4 weeks.
   iii. DODD has formed an interagency agreement with dept of education and data sharing for transition.
   iv. ODOT has committed to joining the EF taskforce.
   v. DODD is looking around the US to see what is working outside of Ohio for transportation.
   vi. New outcome tracking system – trainings dates are posted and start later this month.DODD is developing online resources also. Once a year entry point for data. Don't have to enter into new system until October.
   vii. A memo will come out for the EF rule sometime after the on behalf of NMT memo.
   viii. Review of upcoming transformation events with transformation summit on May 14th.
   ix. Transition summit on May 8th.
   x. DODD is developing strategies and conversations internally around Adult day services.
   xi. Update on The payment in adult day and employment workgroup: two concerns from workgroup 1) DODD auth process that was proposed – DODD came up with a new proposal that allows 3 extensions of prevoc at local level and then DODD would approve further extensions. 2) DODD proposed new way to allow people who are 50 and over to not be negatively impacted by new prevoc program. Workgroup meets again in June. Discussion about what will happen to people earning over the 50%, Stacy says the wage alone should not dictate if the person can receive the service – decision trees will be created to help teams determine who needs to continue the prevoc service. Discussion about the importance of making sure that if people need to move out of prevoc , that there are programs for them to move to. Discussion on new proposed framework and what implementation will look like – Stacy said will not be a light switch and the details are not being worked out yet. Stacy will do a call/webinar for OPRA members to further explain the proposed voc hab framework. Discussion about who received grant: CA group, CCHS, New Avenues for

Independence, Venture Productions, and Goodwill Columbus. After Stacy left, members discussed that they would like to meet in person, with a phone in option, with Stacy to discuss the proposal. Rich Patterson is looking into dates for the meeting.

III. Policy Committee Report – Brenda Smith, Jeff Johnson
   a. 14c position and survey – review of preliminary results of 14c survey, plan to take results to the Policy committee on May 12th. Discussion about the need to keep alert for bills coming through concerning 14c.
   b. Voc Hab Rule – input on revisions – Will get questions together for Stacy in advance. Committee would like a face to face with Stacy with a call-in option to discuss the proposal. Further discussion about 50% regulation.
   c. HPC rate increase – discussion about HPC and wage data and how to be transparent and how to communicate to families. Discussion of the importance of being tactful with communication with any rate changes.
   d. DODD Training rules- Discussion that if the rules are opened, that perhaps training requirements need to reviewed. Discussion about a pilot that may be in place to create a training portfolio that goes with the DSP. Committee decided to form a workgroup to look at training. Lisa will put on basecamp to contact Brenda if interested in being on the sub committee

IV. Board of Directors Report – Mary Thompson-Hufford, Bob Gaston, Liz Owens, – New CEO (some members had a discussion with new CEO (Pete) about workforce crisis (not just wages making it hard to retain staff– also middle management) and what OPRA could offer to members (business practices), Board discussion about Auditors of the State and how these audits are being conducted (the auditors don't understand the field). Discussion about May 15th training on this for members, Board discussed new committee structure and Bob Gaston will be chair of the new Governance Committee (role of board, composition of board, effectiveness and training), board took vote to support lowering DSP age to 16. Committee discussion about business support OPRA could give members. Discussion about importance of district meetings.

V. Legislative update – Christine Touvelle, OPRA

   a. Testimony Finance Committee hearings – discussion about planning for upcoming need for budget testimony. OPRA will alert members as soon as new information is available. Legislative reception was attended by OPRA staff yesterday. Discussion that bed tax as a way to pull done federal dollars that could be used for kids with significant diabetes may be contentious.

VI. Spring Conference
   a. Review and feedback – Discussion about spring conference and upcoming. One member noted his staff found it more valuable than OACB conference because more relevant to their jobs

b. Future conference planning – need for non-profit board development, HR issues, executive contracts, business practices, the Fuse Network may do an "escape the box" session

Next Meeting: <u>Thursday, June 6</u>