**OPRA Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 26, 2023**

**10am – 12:00pm**

* Call to Order and “Safe Place” statement
  + Chair Adam Guinther called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and read the “Safe Place” statement.
* Approval of minutes from May’s and June’s Meeting (Adam Guinther)
  + Lisa Reed motioned to approve the May minutes, Liz Owens seconded. Motion carried.
  + Lisa Reed motioned to approve the June minutes, Tami Honkala seconded. Motion carried.
* Treasurer’s Report (Liz Owens)
* Liz Owens delivered the Treasurer’s report. Board members asked questions and provided feedback. Roy motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Dustin Watkins seconded. Motion carried.
* The Finance Committee started discussions on the impact on the state budget increases. The rate increases resulting from the budget will lead to higher EGR that would subsequently increase dues. The board will continue exploring possible solutions.
* Governance Committee Update, (Bob Gaston)
  + Executive Committee Nominations
* Bob Gaston shared the slate of nominations for the executive committee. A vote on the executive committee will be held at the board retreat.

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* Board Report (Pete Moore)
  + Budget Recap and Implementation
    - Pete gave a budget recap and summarization. Board members asked questions, provided their own insight in the budget, and provided feedback on how implementation has gone so far. Please continue to let the OPRA staff know of any miscommunication being disseminated by any party.
  + Coalition Budget Debrief
    - The Budget Coalition is having a debrief meeting next Monday on to talk about the strengths of the coalition and plan for the next budget and beyond. Board members gave feedback for the OPRA staff to bring to next week’s debrief between coalition members.
  + System Reform Efforts
    - Pete reviewed the various system reform areas OPRA is prioritizing for reform. Conversations with DODD seem to be moving positively in the various priority areas. There is still concern within the board about the sustainability of the future if we do not pursue reforms and reframe what makes a quality provider.
    - Scott gave an update on comments OPRA provided on the provider certification and licensure rules. DODD integrated some of the suggestions into the new version of the rule to better explain what constitutes as an abbreviated review.

Waiver Redesign

Oversight/MUI

OISP

Rule Feedback Filter

* + Blueprint
    - Scott gave an update on the Blueprint for day and vocational services. Most of the major policy changes proposed a year ago have been set aside for two quality pilots. The waiver redesign process will likely integrate some of the previously set aside policy priorities.
  + OOD Increases and Rates
    - Scott gave an update on OOD’s fee schedule discussions resulting from the budget. OPRA is working with OOD to devise a plan on how to best leverage
* CEO Report (Pete Moore)
  + Retreat Agenda Review
    - Pete and Melissa reviewed the agenda and final details for the August board retreat. If you have any questions, please reach out to Melissa.
* Open Discussion
  + DD Council DC Fly-In- OPRA was invited to participate in DD Council’s fly in. This unique experience will include a day of presentations on federal advocacy followed by Congressional visits on the Hill. Hill visits will include self-advocates, county board staff, and DD Council members. Your staff, people served, and board members are also welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Christine.

Additional information:

* + - When- September 13-14, 2023
    - Where- Marriott Marquis DC 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
    - What- A day of advocacy training/presentations and then visits with Ohio’s Congressional delegation
* Board Retreat August 23rd – 25th
* Adjourn
  + Michelle Madden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:18am. Tammy Honkala seconded. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Madden, Secretary

**Present Board Members**

**District 1 –** JamieSteele and Jim Steffey

**District 2 –** Dennis Grant, Ashley Brocious and Michelle Herndon (absent)

**District 3 –** EdgarBarnett, Lisa Reed and Mary Thompson-Hufford (absent)

**District 4 –** RoyCherry, Tim Menke and Dustin Watkins

**District 5 –** Jeff Johnson, Michelle Madden- Secretary and Phil Miller

**District 6 –** Adam Guinther- Chair, Liz Owens- Treasurer and Bob Heinzerling

**District 7 –** Diane Beastrom, Tammy Honkala and Beth Lucas (absent)

**At-Large –**Scott DeLong- Vice Chair, Felicia Hall, Bob Gaston, Kurt Miller and Tim Neville

**OPRA Staff Attendance:** Pete Moore, President and CEO; Scott Marks, Vice President; Christine Touvelle, Director of Advocacy; Rachel Hayes, Director of Residential Resources; Sonya Summers, Member Communications Manager; Melissa Fannon, Events Manager