1. **Call to Order**

Janice Hall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Tom Weaver, Vice Chair; Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Pat Colombo; Dona England-Afek; Roger Fortener; Adam Guinther; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Jennifer Meade; Donna Merrill; Jorji Milliken; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Jamie Steele; John Swanson; and Brad Vincent. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice-President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations; Teri Derry, Director of Training and Professional Development; Jason Umstot, Director of Employment Services; and Mark Watson, Policy Analyst.

1. **Minutes**

Motion by Dona, seconded by Roger, for approval of July 23, 2014 OPRA board minutes – motion carried.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Sections B.3 and K of the consent agenda were pulled for discussion by the board. Motion made by Steve and seconded by Roy to accept the consent agenda absent the aforementioned sections – motion carried.

Discussion of items pulled from consent agenda.

B.3 The purpose of the 3 workgroups of the AOF Direct Care Workforce Coalition was clarified.

K. The scope and timing of the Communication Plan was elaborated upon.

1. **ICF Reimbursement Reform**

Anita reviewed a draft ICF Budget Recommendations for Consideration memo from OPRA, OHCA, VFA and OACBDD. The board provided feedback and Anita will revise the draft and discuss revisions with the other trade associations.

1. **Level of Care**

Anita reviewed the changes to the level of care rule being proposed by the state. The board provided feedback that Anita will use in her discussions with the state.

1. **Membership and Member Services**

OPRA has 22 new active (provider) members. The board discussed how to get the board more active in membership recruitment and will discuss further at the board retreat.

1. **Advocates for Ohio’s Future – Board member support**

Mark discussed the relevance of OPRA’s AOF involvement and asked all board members to consider endorsing the AOF mission and goals; and make a monetary contribution to AOF.

1. **CMS Regulations on Definition of Community, Conflict-Free Case Management, Person-Centered Planning**

OPRA will be updated this week, on a conversation between CMS and DODD.

1. **DODD Strategic Planning Leadership Group**

Mark discussed the work of the SPLG, specifically the draft 10-year benchmarks for the DD system. The SPLG recommended benchmarks for DSP wages to be at 200% FPL within 10 years.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy reviewed the OPRA financials. Roy reviewed the recommendations of the dues consultant: to not reduce dues and to increase nondues revenue.

1. **Annual Meeting at Fall Conference**

The board discussed the agenda for the Annual Meeting at the Fall Conference.

1. **Rule Revisions**
	1. **Free Choice of Provider**

Mark presented a review of the FCOP revisions being proposed by DODD. The board provided feedback on the proposed changes to the FCOP rule. OPRA will provide comments to DODD later today.

* 1. **Licensure**

Anita reviewed the DODD-proposed changes to licensure rules. The board provided feedback.

1. **Medicaid Reform and Expansion**

The Medicaid expansion coalition is supporting the continuation of Medicaid to low-wage workers. OPRA may be asked to contribute financially, in this effort. Mark will keep the board informed.

Mark discussed the intention of the governor, to have DD as the focus in Medicaid reform. This is consistent with our past conversations with the administration.

1. **Independent Contractor Workgroup Recommendations**

Mark shared the IC workgroup recommendations. The board prefers to wait until more employers deploy the IC model in DD services, before OPRA decides to proceed with the workgroup’s recommendations.

1. **Other Items**

Watson described the initial efforts to track issues raised by members on list serves and otherwise.

Jeff reported on meetings on shared living with counties that are going well.

The board went into a privileged conversation with legal counsel.

1. **Adjournment**

Tom moved for adjournment at 2:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary