1. **Call to Order**

Janice Hall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. following a discussion with DRO, OPRA board members and staff. Present at the meeting were: Tom Weaver, Vice Chair; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Than Johnson, Immediate Past Chair; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Dennis Grant; Adam Guinther; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Jorji Milliken; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Rebecca Sharp; 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**

Deferred.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Sections A.5 of the consent agenda was pulled for discussion by the board. Motion made by Donna and seconded by Jamie to accept the consent agenda absent the aforementioned sections – motion carried.

Discussion of item pulled from consent agenda. A.5 Mark gave details of the methodology for the assertion that an increase in the threshold for exemption will lead to lower wages for DSP’s.

1. **ICF Reimbursement Reform**

Included in consent agenda.

1. **Level of Care**

DODD is continuing to work on changes to the level of care rule.

1. **Membership and Member Services**

The board was given an update by Tom and Jeff on membership and will discuss further at the board retreat.

Debbie moved and Donna seconded, that the OPRA agreement with Solana be terminated. Motion carried.

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

OPRA is awaiting formal clarification from CMS on conflict-free case management via DODD and CMS conversations. OHT is working on draft transition plan for public input, revision, and then to be submitted to CMS by March 17, 2015.

1. **DODD Strategic Planning Leadership Group**

Mark discussed the work of the SPLG, specifically the draft 10-year benchmarks for the DD system. DODD is to release the final report by the end of this year.

1. **Funding System Redesign Workgroup and OPRA’s Position**

Jason reported on the status of the funding system redesign workgroup’s efforts. The board provided feedback.

1. **Finance Committee**

John Swanson gave the Finance Committee report. The committee plans to have budget proposal by board retreat. Some possible longer term goals of OPRA were outlined: increase dues by increasing membership; increase nondues revenue; increase new members to 50% of standard dues for their 2nd year in OPRA.

1. **Annual Meeting Feedback**

Mark shared feedback from members on the annual meeting. The board gave feedback on the annual meeting too. Next year, it will be clearer that members may have multiple staff attend the annual meeting.

1. **Rule Revisions**
   1. **Free Choice of Provider** Mark provided an update on OPRA’s position on the DODD proposed changes to the FCOP rule. OPRA will try to negotiate a compromise with the department and may provide public testimony in December.
   2. **Licensure** Anita provided a status report on the licensure rules review process.
2. **Medicaid Reform and Expansion**

Medicaid expansion is likely to continue. DD is said to be the focus of Medicaid reform, and the scope will be clearer when the governor releases his budget proposals in February.

1. **Chronoengineering** Bill Farmer, sales executive for OPRA/Chronoengineering, joined the board meeting briefly. Bill showed a promotional video and offered assistance to board members interested in SmartRelief.
2. **Nursing Committee**

Anita announced the formation of the OPRA Nursing Committee.

1. **Efficiencies and Simplifications Workplan**

Anita and Jeff will continue to work on identification and amelioration of duplicate and inefficient requirements in our system.

1. **Other**

OPRA will provide comments on the Office of Workforce Transformation’s Unified Plan.

OPRA members with revenues of under $3M will be eligible for free ANCOR membership by OPRA paying $1,500 to ANCOR.

Anita discussed the work of the newly formed Nursing QA Committee, with the task of standardization of county board nursing.

1. **Adjournment**

Jorji moved for adjournment at 2:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary