1. **Call to Order**
   1. Janice Hall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed new board member, Lynne Urbanski. Present at the meeting were: Tom Weaver, Vice Chair; Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Than Johnson, Immediate-Past Chair; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Roger Fortener; Adam Guinther; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Jorji Milliken; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Debbie Schmieding; Jamie Steele; and Lynne Urbanski. 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.
2. **Minutes**
   1. Deferred.
3. **Consent Agenda**
   1. Motion made by Matt and seconded by Debbie to accept the consent agenda as presented – motion carried.
4. **Strategic Plan**
   1. Anna moved and Steve seconded to adopt the 2015 – 2016 OPRA Strategic Plan (see attached) – motion carried.
5. **Level of Care**
   1. Anita reviewed areas of concern related to the level of care rule language being proposed by the state. The language needs revision to reflect the stated policy objectives. The board provided feedback regarding emergency admissions and presumptive eligibility that Anita may use in her discussions with the state.
6. **CMS Regulations on Definition of Community, Conflict-Free Case Management, Person-Centered Planning**
   1. Mark reported that ANCOR is planning to request regional meetings with CMS to discuss the states’ HCBS transitions plans.
7. **Strategic Planning Leadership Group** **and State Budget**
   1. Jeff reviewed issues anticipated in the governor’s proposed budget. A major focus of OPRA will be on DSP wages.
8. **Funding System Redesign Workgroup**
   1. Jason reviewed the status of the reimbursement work being done by the workgroup.
9. **Finance Committee**
   1. The next finance committee report will be in February, as committee has not met since before the last board meeting.
10. **Rule Revisions**
    1. **Free Choice of Provider**
    2. Following public hearing testimony by OPRA, DODD pulled the rule. DODD may revise the rule and refile.
    3. **Licensure**
    4. Anita reviewed issues with the DODD-proposed changes to licensure rules.

1. **Medicaid Reform and Expansion**
   1. Medicaid expansion has been rebranded as Medicaid reauthorization. This is indicative of the continuation of Medicaid extension to low-wage workers, but may also signal additional requirements on Medicaid recipients.
2. **Nursing Committee**Anita reported that over 30 nurses are registered for the inaugural OPRA Nursing Committee.
3. **Other Items**
   1. Mark reported on the progress with the provider information and selection pilot.
   2. Anita reported on the possibility of nursing service being added to the IO wavier.
   3. Jason reported on progress made with the integrated community employment potential with Whirlpool.
   4. John and Steve discussed the lack of progress with addressing housing and related issues.
   5. Teri provided an update on the waiver pilot. A weekly rate may be in the governor’s proposed budget. Requests for more time for the pilot were rejected by DODD. An analysis of the pilot will be completed over the next few months.
   6. Jason reported that 58 counties have chosen to allow private providers to enter data.
4. **Adjournment**
   * 1. Tom moved for adjournment at 2:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary