1. **Call to Order**

Janice Hall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.. Present at the meeting were: Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Than Johnson, Immediate Past Chair; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Roger Fortener; Dennis Grant; Adam Guinther; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Jorji Milliken; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Rebecca Sharp; John Swanson; Lynne Urbanski. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice-President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations; and Teri Derry, Director of Training and Professional Development. Janice welcomed several members of the OPRA Advance leadership class who attended the first half of the board meeting and were excused after item VII below.

1. **Minutes**

Dennis moved and Than seconded to accept the OPRA Board minutes for September and November 2014. Motion carried.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Sections A.2 and E of the consent agenda were pulled for discussion by the board. Motion made by Anna and seconded by Roger to accept the consent agenda absent the aforementioned sections. Motion carried.

Discussion of items pulled from consent agenda.

A.2. Jamie reported DODD licensure does not know how to Rap Back. Jamie will send documentation to Anita, who will follow up with DODD.

Anna asked for information on the differences between OPEN and Rap Back. The Membership Committee will work on an explanation of the differences and if OPEN is still value-added for our members.

E. Jason defined acronyms and gave an update on the status of the project. Southwestern Schools is excited about the project.

1. **Membership and Member Services**

Staff will report out member recruitment status by OPRA district and beginning at the March 2015 board meeting. Strategies for recruitment were discussed, including publicizing the free ANCOR membership for OPRA members under $3 million in revenue.

1. **Level of Care**

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

1. **Nursing Committee**Anita reported that there were over 50 participants in the first OPRA Nursing Committee. Shelly Wharton is chairing this committee.
2. **Rule Revision**
   1. Free Choice of Provider rule was refiled last week. An amendment to the IO waiver was recently sent to CMS. Mark will compare the waiver amendment to the FCOP rule.
3. **State Budget**
   1. Staff updated the board on DD-related issues in the state budget, including: DSP wages, ICF policy and reimbursement changes, waiver policy and reimbursement changes, employment first, OOD policy changes, developmental centers, independent providers, conflict-free case management, Medicaid extension to low-wage workers and managed care.
4. **Funding System Redesign Workgroup**

Jason reported on the status of the funding system redesign workgroup’s efforts and projected timeline. The rate finalization may be in March 2015. The board provided feedback.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy gave the Finance Committee report, discussing the OPRA year end financials. Roy moved and Michael seconded that OPRA President seek the approval of the board whenever an unexpected expense or opportunity arises that is over $10,000 per occurrence. If approved by the board this expense will be listed in the OPRA financials as board-approved and included in the budgeted expenses. Motion carried.

1. **Other**

Mark is engaged in conversations with a prominent health care executive to possibly help OPRA start a Center for Epidemiological Studies for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Mark gave an update on the provider information and selection tool pilot.

1. **Adjournment**

Michael moved for adjournment at 2:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary