1. **Call to Order**

Tom Weaver, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:12 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; Adam Guinther; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Jorji Milliken; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Debbie Schmieding; Rebecca Sharp; and Lynne Urbanski. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Affairs; Jason Umstot, Director Employment Services; and Mark Watson, Policy Analyst.

1. **Minutes**

Steve moved and Donna seconded to accept the December 2014, January 2015 and February 2015 board minutes and the March 2015 executive committee minutes. Motion carried.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Anna and seconded by Debbie to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. **State Budget**

Jeff Davis gave an overview of the status of the budget process.

Mark provided an issues update on:

1. DSO wages in Waiver and ICF
2. ICF policy and reimbursement changes
3. Waiver policy and reimbursement changes
4. Employment First
5. Developmental centers
6. Independent providers
7. Waiting list relief/additional waiver slots
8. Medicaid extension to low-wage workers
9. Managed care
10. Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax
11. Removing the “R” word
12. Consolidation of the Transitions DD waiver into the IO waiver
13. Adding nursing services to IO waiver
14. Housing
15. APSI

The board provided feedback on negotiations with the state and legislature on budget issues.

1. **Membership and Member Services**

Jeff will refresh the data in a report on members’ renewal status by district and send it out to the board. Once the updated membership information is received, board members will follow up with members who haven’t yet renewed. Membership strategies were discussed, including mailings.

1. **Level of Care**

Mark reported that the level of care rule has been released by the department. Anita will send it out to members for comments.

1. **Redesign Workgroup**

Jason reviewed the status of the reimbursement work being done by the workgroup. A small committee of board members and others will be formed to work with Jason on this work.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy reviewed the February financials. Jorji moved and Diane seconded, to accept the February financials report. Motion carried.

Roy reviewed the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Debbie moved and Diane seconded that OPRA President be given the latitude to spend up to $50,000 out of OPRA reserves for unanticipated State of Ohio budget-related legal and professional fees. OPRA President will report these expenses back to the board on a monthly basis. These expenses will be outside of the board-approved annual OPRA budget. Motion carried with one abstention (Than Johnson).

1. **Nursing Committee**Mark advised that the next Nursing Committee meeting is next week. Board members have received positive feedback from their staff about the Nursing Committee.
2. **Other Items**

Mark reported on the progress with the provider information and selection pilot. The board is willing to consider co-funding this initiative with OACB.

1. **Adjournment**

Tom moved for adjournment at 2:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary