**Call to Order**

Tom Weaver President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Adam Guinther; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Donna Merrill, Matt Ottiger; Debbie Schmieding; Rebecca Sharp; John Swanson; Lynn Urbanski; and Brad Vincent. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Affairs; Emily Bach, Member Services Coordinator and Mark Watson, Policy & Operations Coordinator.

1. **Minutes**

Motion made by Roy Cherry and seconded by Diane Beastrom to accept the September 2015 board minutes, motion carried.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Donna Merrill and seconded by Marti Adams to accept the consent agenda, motion carried.

1. **Strategic Plan**

Motion made by Diane Beastrom and seconded by Roy Cherry to approve the strategic plan as presented, motion carried.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy Cherry provided an update on the October 2015 budget. Motion made by Than Johnson and seconded by Debbie Schmieding to approve the 2016 OPRA Budget as presented by Roy and recommended by the Finance Committee, motion carried. Motion made by Roy Cherry and seconded by Bob Heinzerling to adopt financial policies as presented by Roy and recommended by the Finance Committee regarding the signage of checks, motion carried. Roy gave an update on the the management of OPRAs investment management team. The Finance Committee are researching other vendors.

1. **Nursing Committee**

Anita Allen gave an update regarding creating a nursing survey for waiver and ICF, regarding the health needs of the people served and to assess the need for an increase nursing funds in the waiver. The goal is for the survey is to be distributed in 2016.

1. **2016 New Chairperson Appointments**

Tom appointed the following Committee Chairpersons with board consensus: Matt Ottiger to Chair the Policy Committee; John Swanson to Chair the ICF Committee; Justin Blumhorst to Chair the Employment First Committee and Marti Adams to Chair the Membership Committee.

1. **Other**

Debbie Schmieding moved and Anna Barrett seconded a motion for OPRA Board recognition of Janice Hall for her service to OPRA, providers and people with IDD, motion carried.

Mark Davis discussed the state of Ohio’s complete lack of alteration to the State Transition Plan for compliance with the new HCBS regulations, in spite of OACB and OPRA input. OACB and OPRA are working out a response to the department.

Mark Davis discussed the need to revise OPRA’s agreement with ChronoEngineering. This may be discussed with the board at a later date.

The election results for District 3 are in and Lisa Reed and Jerri Elson will be representing District 3, beginning with the January 2016 OPRA Board meeting.

Jeff Davis discussed building provider capacity with the assistance of county boards. Surveys were sent out to OPRA members and Jeff will resend that survey. OPRA is also talking with COGs throughout Ohio, to collaborate on provider capacity building.

1. **Adjournment**

Roy Cherry moved and second Bob Heinzerling for adjournment at 1:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary