**Call to Order**

Tom Weaver, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Jerri Elson; Dennis Grant; Adam Guinther; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Lisa Reed; Rebecca Sharp; Jamie Steele. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Affairs; Lisa Mathis, Director of Employment and Health Services, Pete Thompson, Accountant; and Christine Touvelle, Policy Analyst.

1. **Minutes**

Deferred.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Than and seconded by Roy to accept the consent agenda without sections A.3. and B.5., motion carried. Jeff provided an update on Ohio’s shared living strategy. Anita updated the board on the 12/14 meeting on heightened scrutiny.

1. **OACB Policy Objectives.**

Lori Stanfa, Senior Policy Analyst with the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities (OACB), discussed OACB’s strategic plan, goals for the next year, and objectives for the upcoming state budget.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy presented the proposed 2017 budget as recommended by the OPRA Finance Committee. A motion was made by Jerri and seconded by Jamie to approve the 2017 OPRA Budget as presented, motion carried.

1. **Workforce Sustainability**

Jeff gave an update on the DD Council grant OPRA was awarded to create a DSP marketing campaign to recruit DSPs to the field. Mark gave an update on the weekly rate discussion with DODD.

1. **Quality, Accountable, and Sustainable System Reform**

Mark gave an update on lack of inclusion of quality indicators in the weekly rate project. The weekly rate will most likely not go into effect until at least 2018.

1. **Efficiencies and Simplifications**

OPRA will continue to advocate for system simplifications. OPRA, along with OACB, are drafting a letter to the Director to advocate for a less cumbersome system that is easier to navigate and reduces unnecessary requirements.

1. **OPRA Business Intelligence Tool**

Christine gave an update on the business intelligence project and the projected cost to upgrade the tool to enhance OPRA member accessibility to the data. Anna made a motion and Roy seconded, to modify the OPRA 2016 budget with an additional expense item of up to $20,000 for improvements to the business intelligence tool and project, motion carried.

1. **Other**

Anita provided an update on the ICF Reimbursement redesign. Many questions remain about the system, especially in the area of timing and impact. OPRA has advocated for the system to be complete prior to its implementation. It is expected that DODD will release details about the timing of this redesign, during the budget process.

Because of Matt Ottinger’s departure from Rescare, there is an opening on the Board for District 8. Applications for this board position close on 12/23/2016.

Anita Allen brought to the Board that Wells Fargo recently underwent a restructuring that may result in reduced revenue for OPRA. Wells Fargo proposed that OPRA sponsor Wells Fargo’s VSP Vision Benefit Program (summary attached and incorporated herein to the minutes). Motion made by Than and seconded by Melanie, for the OPRA Executive Committee to negotiate this agreement with Wells Fargo/VSP, including any association dues that would be required to be paid by VSP program participants, motion carried.

1. **Adjournment**

Anna Barret motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heiznerling

Secretary