**Call to Order**

Tom Weaver President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Vice Chairperson, Jamie Steele; Treasurer, Roy Cherry; Secretary, Bob Heinzerling; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Jerri Elson; Roger Fortener; Dennis Grant; Adam Guinther; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Michael Malone; Jennifer Meade; Trish Otter; Matt Ottiger; Lisa Reed; John Swanson; Lynne Urbanski; 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. **Introductions**

New board members, Lisa Reed and Jerri Elson were welcomed to the OPRA board.

1. **Minutes**

Lynne Urbanski asked that her name be removed from being in attendance at the December meeting, as this was incorrect. Motion made by Roy to approve the December 2015 minutes with the revision requested by Lynne and seconded by Trish, motion carried.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Diane and seconded by Jamie to accept the consent agenda without Sections A3, C1 and J, motion carried.

The aforementioned removed sections were discussed briefly.

1. **Finance Committee**

Roy reported that the finance committee is considering changing investment managers due to performance and responsiveness issues.

1. **Workforce Sustainability**

OPRA will lead on communications to implement the 6% increase for DSP’s in certain waiver services. Strategies for leading this conversation in the system were discussed.

There is no news on how the 2% will be distributed in the ICF program to DSP’s.

Lisa Reed is chairing the OPRA Direct Care Workforce Workgroup. She discussed the 15% reduction in turnover that may be attributed to credentialing via DSPaths.

DODD is expected to begin work on residential habilitation this quarter. The OPRA Waiver Kitchen Cabinet will look into residential habilitation as an opportunity to pay DSP’s more and as an efficiency and simplification strategy.

1. **Efficiencies and Simplification**

OPRA continues to assist counties and COG’s with implementing conflict-free case management.

OPRA has significant concern about the impact of IAF reviews on ICF reimbursement, in particular when done without public input and retroactively.

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

Jeff discussed building provider capacity in the adult day services array area.

Jeff and Mark discussed the CERIIDD project and may ask for general revenue funds for this work.

Jeff and Anita discussed the status of ICF reimbursement and employment pilots.

1. **Other**

Jeff discussed HCR 21, proposed by Rep. Romanchuk.

Northcoast Community Homes is doing a search for a new executive director, due to the retirement of Steve McPeake. Steve may continue to work while the search is going on.

Jamie reported on OPRA Advance.

Anita will check into the news that ICF rates for respite in the waiver system may now be the same as the ICF rates.

1. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary