

OHIO PROVIDER RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 22, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Janice Hall, President; called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the OPRA office, Columbus, Ohio. Present were Michael DeFrancesco, Vice-President; Robert Heinzerling, Secretary; Than Johnson, Past Chair; Marti Adams; Dona England-Afek; Anna Barrett; Roy Cherry; Patricia Columbo; Jay Fabian; Dennis Grant; Adam Guinther; Rich Johnson; Becky LeMasters; Stephan McPeake; Jorji Milliken; Matt Ottinger; Tom Rice; Jaime Steele; John Swanson; Gary Toth; and Tom Weaver; There being twenty two members, a quorum was constituted and official business was transacted. Also present were Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice-President; Teri Derry, Director of Training and Professional Development and Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Than Johnson moved that the July 2012 minutes be approved. Roy Cherry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Roy Cherry presented the monthly financials. Dennis Grant moved to accept the July 2012 financial report. Jorji Milliken seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anita Allen shared the Financial Policy draft. There were no previous Financial Policies to compare and the draft was recommended to the Board for approval. Roy Cherry moved to accept the Financial Policy draft. Steve McPeake seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Other discussion: Due to dissatisfaction with current investments, an RFP to contract with a new investment management firm is being drafted by the Finance Committee for Board consideration. The committee is also reviewing the dues structure and looking at a possible flat percentage reduction for 2013 dues. Mark Davis will review the current structure and will bring the information to the October 2012 Board retreat for discussion and development of a work plan.

IV. EFFICIENCIES AND SIMPLIFICATIONS STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

Anita Allen reported on the Work Plan for the Efficiencies and Simplifications Strategic Focus Area committee and gave updates on the status of different goals.

Mark Davis discussed the implications of the current draft rule language and distributed a memo with the OPRA-OACBDD-APSI Partnership comments on the proposed revisions to Administrative Rule 5123:2-9-08. The group opposes language that hinders deeming (i.e., a provider who meets national accreditation standards should only require an abbreviated review) and reported that the proposed revisions have been sent to the Department for consideration.

Jeff Davis reported that the MUI Workgroup is expecting a newly revised rule by the end of this year and that the Department is committed to revamping MUI training in order to make it more consistent.

Anita Allen reported that a sub-group of the Finance Committee, consisting of 20 staff with financial expertise from provider agencies, has been working on best practices for money management and payee services. The group is currently asking other states for rule examples, and is open to feedback as they work on drafting a new rule requiring providers to have financial policies in place. Subsequent discussion regarding an individual's right to manage their own funds took place and anyone having money management assessments in place is asked to please forward them to Anita Allen.

Anita Allen reported that the Quality Assurance rule would be rescinded effective 11.1.12 and distributed a new draft rule that shifted the focus to outcomes and SSA training.

Mark Davis spoke briefly about OHT streamlining, and confirmed with the group that reviewers had not yet been out in the field to conduct reviews.

V. PRESENTATION/WEBINAR:

Catherine Hayes, H&W Independent solutions, presented "DOJ, ADA and Olmstead – What Does It Mean For You".

VI: REIMBURSEMENT AND DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WAGES STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

Mark Davis reported on the status of OPRA's CHIPRA grant request to help fund the waiver and technology pilot. Our request remains under consideration.

Mark Davis reported that the opportunities analysis was complete for the Health Home Project. Two priority areas identified were the waiver and technology pilot and Health Home (work split into program director and nurses). An analysis still needs to be completed on SSA and Health Home responsibilities.

Anita Allen reported on progress with Pediatric Outliers. The project has the potential to provide substantial savings that the Department could put back into the system. We are currently waiting for the Department of Jobs and Family Services to respond and a meeting with Director Martin will be scheduled soon.

Anita Allen reported that a meeting was held to review the OSU IAF Modernization findings. Results indicated no correlation between IAF and funding. The Department, however, contends a large disparity between them but has not located the actual data. A meeting has been scheduled with Debbie Jenkins.

An ICF Reimbursement Workgroup was created to meet with the department about ICF reimbursement and policy changes. Volunteers were John Swanson, Pat McCormick, Gary Brown (back-up) and Scott Delong (back-up). Roy Cherry offered assistance as needed.

Jeff Davis reported that a meeting is scheduled on August 30, 2012 with Deputy Director Ginnie Whisman to discuss issues and barriers to current DC downsizing efforts. 2010 discharge data was requested from DODD by provider/county to aid in the discussion.

VII. WAITING LIST STRAGIC FOCUS AREA:

Mark Davis reported on the Work Plan for the Reimbursement and Direct Support Professional Wages Strategic Focus Area committee and gave updates on the status of different goals.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER SERVICES STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

Teri Derry reported on the Work Plan for the Membership/Member Services Strategic Focus Area committee and gave updates on the status of different goals. Ideas for engaging new members were discussed and Teri asked that if committee members contacted prospective members, to forward the information to her. Committee members were encouraged to share meeting minutes with their districts.

Teri Derry reported that the Board Retreat will be October 23 and 24, 2012 at Salt Fork Lodge.

IV. STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Jeff Davis discussed the State of Ohio August Revenue Report and distributed the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Monthly Summary.

Anita Allen reported on the OACB ICF's CPE issue and continues to work to identify how this fits within the larger ICF reimbursement system.

XII. OTHER:

Teri Derry distributed brochures for the OPRA Golf Outing.

Schedule:

- Next OPRA Board Meeting at Retreat – October 23 - 24, 2012
- Next Policy committee Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2012
- Program Director's Committee Meeting – Thursday October 11, 2012
- OPRA 2012 Fall Conference – September 25th and 26th at Embassy Suites, Dublin

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Tom Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Anna Barrett seconded the motion. Janice Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Heinzerling, Secretary