1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Janice Hall, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were; Tom Weaver, Vice President, Robert Heinzerling, Secretary; Marti Adams; Dona England-Afek; Anna Barrett; Roy Cherry; Pat Colombo; Becky Lemasters; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Matt Ottiger; Tom Rice; Jamie Steele; John Swanson; and Gary Toth. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice-President; Teri Derry, Director of Training and Professional Development and Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Janice Hall introduced and welcomed Trish Otter, Executive Director at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland, to the Board.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

John Swanson motioned to approve the May 2013 and June 2013 Board meeting minutes. Dona England-Afek seconded. Motion carried.

1. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Roy Cherry reported on the June 2013 Finance Committee meeting. Six month financials will be presented to the Board at the August 2013 meeting. An RFI for a new investment company has been sent out. Interviews with prospective investment companies will be held in September.

Tom Weaver reported on recommendations from the joint workgroup of the Finance and Membership Committee. A dues rebate of 5% for all members was presented to the Board. Rebates will be offered as a check or apply to 2014 dues. Roy Cherry motioned to approve. Tom Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

There will be further dues discussion regarding a revised dues structure and membership strategy. Janice Hall appointed Roy Cherry and Tom Weaver to co-chair the Joint Finance/Membership Committee. Committee members appointed were Rich Johnson, Matt Ottiger, Gary Toth, and Dona England-Efek.

Mark Davis reported on the outcomes of the OPRA leadership team retreat. Some staff responsibilities were revised. Teri Derry will lead the waiver pilot. Jeff Davis will lead on Membership.

1. **EFFICIENCIES AND SIMPLIFICATION**

Anita Allen reported on Nursing QAs. Plans are to enter all nurses doing QAs into the system, and when complete, work on QA standardization will begin. Marti Adams reported that a QA conducted recently at CORE went well.

Anita Allen reported on the streamlining of the DODD Licensure and ODH joint review process. The focus of OPRA’s advocacy is to impact the provider experience, making the provider’s experience more efficient. There is concern that duplication will persist and the provider’s experience may not improve. DODD would like to begin piloting the new review processes in January 2014.

Mark Davis reported that the Partnership (OPRA, Superintendents and APSI) will begin to actively advocate for abbreviated reviews with county board accreditation and provider licensure. Mark asked for feedback from any board member who has used the abbreviated review process for provider certification.

Jeff Davis reported that in a recent meeting with DODD, newly developed forms to accompany the new MUI rule were reviewed. Mr. Davis reported that the forms are lengthy and asked for volunteers to take a previous (closed) unscheduled hospitalization, use new forms, and report back regarding their use. Tom Weaver and Jamie Steele volunteered.

Anita Allen reported that DODD previously indicated that they would have a draft money management rule out in mid-July. At this time no rule has been submitted for review. Anita will forward to all when one is available.

Jeff Davis provided an update on the status of the background check rule. Some confusion regarding hiring DSPs prior to the return of the final background check results exists. Jeff will continue to monitor.

Anita Allen reported that the SSA and Program Management rule is currently being reviewed by the County Board Association.

Anita Allen reported that feedback received regarding the Behavior Support rule has been helpful. Data regarding county board interpretation vs. DODD’s more restrictive interpretation (in some cases) has not been collected by DODD.

1. **REIMBURSEMENT TRANSFORMATION FOR WORKFORCE SUSTAINABILITY**

Teri Derry reported on the Waiver Reimbursement and Technology Pilot. We are working through the scope of the project with the counties and state. A meeting is scheduled for July 29th at DODD with all parties in the pilot. County Boards and providers are examining their participation in some, or all, of the pilot pieces (e.g. technology, weekly rate). Pros and cons of integration with other pilots such as the Imagine Project were discussed. The group continues to clarify goals and will develop an amended scope and goals at the next meeting.

Mr. Davis reported that Medicaid Director McCarthy’s is planning to look at the methodology of how HCBS provider waiver rates are determined to ensure consistency across HCBS waivers. Some Advocates for Ohio’s Future members are meeting on August 1st to discuss possible strategies for this work.

Anita Allen reported that there was no update as of this date on the IAF, as we continue to anticipate DODD’s reconvening the workgroups.

Jeff Davis reported on the status of the distribution of the waiver increase. The strategy is to get the money out as quickly as possible and to start with OSOC and transportation in the first year, then move to increasing the H/PC rate.

1. **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND UNMET NEEDS**

Teri Derry reported on Employment First. The group is currently working on new priorities. Copies of the rule revisions, extracting employment rule references from the current Adult Services rule, were discussed. Teri asked the Board to review and send feedback to her.

Mark Davis reported on Health Home project status. Matt Ottiger reported that Indiana was in development, but not started yet. Next steps will be to have a conversation with Directors Martin and McCarthy. Discussion of development of a health home for physical conditions is also occurring.

1. **MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER SERVICES**

Jeff Davis reported that start time for the Membership Committee meeting scheduled for August 13, 2013 at 10:00am has been changed to 11:00am.

Teri Derry reported that there was no Conference Committee update.

Jeff Davis discussed the “Raise Your Voice” campaign. The tagline, “Leading the way for nearly 40 years” was discussed.

**X. OTHER**

Mark Davis reported that Governor Kasich issued a resolution dedicating the week of September 8th as DSP Recognition Week in Ohio. Efforts to do the same at the federal level are underway. Senator Brown has agreed to cosponsor and Senator Portman is considering cosponsoring this resolution.

Steve McPeake reminded the Board that the OPRA|PAC Summer Golf Outing is scheduled August 5th at Madison Country Club in Madison Ohio. Gary Toth will serve as host. Steve urged all Board members to submit teams or sponsorships in an effort to support the OPRA PAC.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Pat Colombo motioned to adjourn the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Janice Hall adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Heinzerling, Secretary