

I. Call to Order

Jamie Steele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Present at the meeting were: Diane Beastron, Vice Chair; Adam Guinther, Treasurer; Lisa Reed, Secretary; Tom Weaver, Immediate Past Chair; Marti Adams; Justin Blumhorst; Roger Fortener; Felicia Hall; Robert Heinzerling; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Patrick Maynard; Donna Merrill; Patricia Otter; John Swanson; Bill Ullman; Lynne Urbanski; and Bradley Vincent. Dennis Grant joined via phone. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations; Lisa Mathis, Director of Employment and Health Services; Pete Thompson, Accountant; and Christine Touvelle, Policy Analyst. Suzanne Scrutton from Vorys, Caroline Lahrmann; Bill Lahrmann; Dan Jones; Kathy Wojciak; and Roger Sugarman, Kegler Brown from were present for the first hour and Paul Fullerman and Jim Hunter from Bodine Perry was present from 11:32 AM till noon.

II. Disabilities Rights Ohio Lawsuit

- a. Caroline and Bill Lahrmann, Dan Jones, Kathy Wojciak, and Roger Sugarman gave an overview of the guardian intervener's positions in DRO lawsuit. Roger Sugarman gave an overview of the guardian interveners' potential next steps. Board members provided feedback and asked questions.
- b. At 10:58 AM, the Board held a privileged session with Suzanne until 11:32 AM.
- c. Than motioned to support interveners' effort up to \$50,000 on annual basis to be renewed every year and contingent on exchange for non-confidential information regarding the case. Roger seconded the motion. Board members discussed the motion. Motion was withdrawn. Anita Allen, Jeff Davis, Patrick Maynard, John Swanson, Than Johnson, Bob Heinzerling, and Roger Fortener will meet with the family group to gather more information. The board will discuss supporting the guardian intervenors efforts with stories and/or funding subsequent to that group gathering that information.

III. Finance Committee

- a. Paul Fullerman and Jim Hunter from Bodine Perry gave a review of the Financial Review of the 2017 and 2016 OPRA financials. Following discussion, Adam Guinther made a motion to accept the review, Bill Ullman seconded. Motion passed. July financials will be emailed out.

IV. Minutes

- a. Melanie Kasten-Krause made a motion to accept the June 26, 2018 and August 10, 2018 board minutes. Than Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Sections A(3) and C(5) of the consent agenda were pulled out for discussion. Adam Guinther motioned to approve the consent agenda sans those sections. Roger Fortener seconded. Motion carries. Sections A(3) and C(5) were discussed.

VI. Workforce Sustainability

a. Waiver Pilot Workgroup

i. Long Term Pilot

- 1. Phase 1-** Mark Davis gave a review at the possibility of a universal resource allocation tool as Phase 1 Pilot. Mark Davis gave an overview of the OPRA member input solicitation about DODD's request for input on possible quality incentives for workforce initiatives. Mark Davis also gave an overview of the initiative to look at OS/OC and the modeling Mark Davis and Christine Touvelle are working on. Jeff Davis gave an overview work he has done with the county boards on OS/OC. These three initiatives may be included in OPRA's state budget ask.

I. Efficiencies and Simplification

a. Electronic Visit Verification

- i. One Year Delay-** Mark Davis gave an overview of additional federal work regarding EVV. Than Johnson, Jamie Steele, Anita Allen and Christine Touvelle gave an overview of the stakeholder meeting that was held on August 23, 2018.

II. Quality, Accountable, and Sustainable System Reform

- a. ProviderGuide Plus Support Group-** Mark Davis gave an overview of the work group's recent call and plans to develop a toolkit for the platform. Janice Hall has written a draft of the toolkit.
- b. Non-Medical Transportation Update-** Lisa Mathis gave an overview of the progress of NMT and HPC transportation. DODD is currently working on draft language of rules that should be released over the next few rules. OPRA has asked for a transition year and technical assistance for providers from DODD. In response, DODD has agreed to delay the implementation until October 1, 2019 and to provide technical assistance to providers.

III. Membership

- a. OAAS and PSG-** Jeff Davis gave an update on the new members that have joined OPRA. 22 new members have joined. OAAS and PSG will be recommending a representative to serve for the at large position. The Board plans to vote on the at large representative via a phone or email vote and ask the new member to join the September board meeting.
- b. ANCOR 100% Membership-** The member services committee reviewed the pilot of OPRA joining the ANCOR pilot where state associations would pay a flat rate and their members would automatically be ANCOR members. The committee recommended OPRA not proceed with the pilot due to uncertainty about long term financial viability. Marti Adams motioned to accept the recommendation by the Membership Services Committee and Bill Ullman seconded. Diane Beaström and Than Johnson abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

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IV. Code of Regulations

- a. Members reviewed the OPRA Code of Regulations proposed revisions. Tom Weaver motioned to send the revisions as proposed to members for a ratification vote. Lynne Urbanksi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. State of Ohio Budget

- a. **OPRA Strategy-** Mark Davis gave an overview of the upcoming budget process. Mark overviewed possible initiatives OPRA could advocate for and Board Members provided feedback. Justin Blumhorst, Than Johnson, Tom Weaver, Felicia Hall, and the Executive Committee will begin working on the budget ask.

VI. Other Items

- a. **Vocational Habilitation-** Lisa Mathis gave an overview of the 50% of minimum wage federal regulation and prohibition of billing vocational habilitation.
- b. **Medicaid Expansion-** Mark gave an overview of the briefings sponsored by ODM to support the continuation of Medicaid Expansion. OPRA, through AOF, provided support for these briefings. Adam Guinther had two staff who spoke yesterday. Mark distributed the *2018 Ohio Medicaid Group VIII Assessment, Executive Summary: A Follow-Up to the 2016 Ohio Medicaid Group VIII Assessment - August 2018*.
- c. **ICF Option-** Jeff Davis handed out information regarding how the Department through the county board accreditation process are going to enforce their requirement that county boards inform individuals of their option to choose ICFs.
- d. **Executive Committee-** The Board went into executive session at 1:56 pm.

VII. Adjournment

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed
Secretary