1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Weaver, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Present at the meeting were: Roy Cherry, Treasurer; Bob Heinzerling, Secretary; Than Johnson, Immediate Past Chair; Marti Adams; Anna Barrett; Diane Beastrom; Pat Colombo; Roger Fortener; Dennis Grant; Rich Johnson; Becky Lemasters; Michael Malone; Steve McPeake; Donna Merrill; Jori Milliken; Trish Otter; Debbie Schmieding; Jamie Steele; and John Swanson. 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. **MINUTES**

Dennis Grant moved and Michael Malone seconded that the December 11 and 30, 2013 and January 22, 2014 minutes be approved, motion carried.

1. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Weaver moved the Finance Committee report to later in the agenda.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Debbie Schmieding moved acceptance of the consent agenda and Becky Lemasters seconded. Motion carried.

1. **POLICY COMMITTEE**

Debbie Schmieding gave the Policy Committee report. There was no meeting in January. February’s Policy Committee meeting will focused on workforce. Rep Cheryl Grossman participated in the workforce discussion.

1. **MID-BIENNIAL BUDGET REVIEW OPPORTUNITY**

Mark Davis presented a concept for a pilot to decrease Ohio’s high school drop out rate and develop a pathway for young people interested in training to be a direct support professional. The board discussed the pilot concept. Mark and Jeff will pursue this pilot concept as part of the MBR process.

1. **ADVOCATES FOR OHIO’S FUTURE – GUEST PRESENTATION BY WILL PETRIK, AOF, STATE DIRECTOR**Will Petrik discussed Advocates for Ohio’s Future (AOF), AOF’s mission and values. Will expressed gratitude for OPRA’s commitment to AOF. An appeal was made to all OPRA board members to have their organizations endorse AOF.
2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Roy Cherry reviewed the 2013 year end financials and asked board members to email him with any questions. There will be an audit, so no need to have a motion to accept the financials. Roy reported that the Finance Committee has developed a list of expenses that may be reduced in 2015 and Mark asked that this list be shared with staff.

1. **ODH AND DODD STREAMLINING – REVISED PROPOSAL**

Mark Davis reviewed the revised streamlining proposal from OHT, DODD and ODH. There are two main phases. In the first phase, DODD will streamline their licensure review process for ICF’s. In the second phase, ODH will assume responsibility for routine licensure surveys of ICF’s.

1. **MAIS**

Anita Allen discussed the status of MAIS, DODD has decided to allow agency email instead of just personal emails for staff. OPRA will attempt to have DODD allow prospective and new hires to participate in the medication administration training before their background checks come back – if they sign an acknowledgement that if their background check comes back with a disqualifying offense, they will not proceed with employment.

1. **DODD STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT/PROVIDER COMPLIANCE**

Anita Allen gave an update on the stakeholder group. We are watching developments carefully as the county boards and DODD may require prospective agency providers to participate in training by county boards before they are permitted to be certified to deliver waiver services.

1. **MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER SERVICES**

Jeff Davis updated the board of the 2014 membership retention communication and strategy. Jeff will ensure that all board members have their district’s prospective members list. Board members will reach out to these prospective members and report their progress to Jeff.

1. **BEHAVIOR SUPPORT RULE**

Another draft has been developed by DODD and another meeting with stakeholders is scheduled to discuss that draft.

1. **OTHER**

There was discussion of the questionable practices of some independent providers. The board is interested in how DODD is handling providers who are certified but not delivering services. These providers were to get a notice of decertification after ample time passed with no waiver billings.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Heinzerling

Secretary