Mark Davis gave an update on efforts to accomplish the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in Ohio. Specifically, there is a petition drive underway. Once the petitions are available, members will be invited to a training call; and then Ohio needs to deliver 1,000 good signatures (or 3,000 initially) by September 3.

Janice Hall discussed the options for the policy committee to direct recommendations to the OPRA board fo action. A policy committee report will be added to the OPRA board monthly agenda. In general, Debbie will be expected to deliver these recommendations to the board, but she may ask committee members to attend board on occasion.

It was determined that the committee should review the OPRA strategic plan for guidance in developing positions. To that end, a copy of the plan will be attached to these minutes and sent out prior to the September meeting.

Janice and Debbie discussed the Imagine project and waiver pilot, respectively. These efforts (and others such as Project STIR and The Good Life training) provide a wonderful invitation for a position paper on re-design of the ISP process in Ohio. The committee is in agreement with making this a priority. Jeff and Debbie will send a draft to the committee prior to the September meeting.

Kevin Miller (Director of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission) and Susan Pugh (RSC Deputy Director) joined us to discuss the partnership agreement between SC and DODD. This agreement anticipates achieving integrated, competitive employment for 1,500 workers across Ohio within the year.

A monthly feature of the minutes:
Just so we don't lose anything
- What can we do about the lack of *community* funding for folks on ventilators?
- We need training videos that give a picture of what is possible.
- What is needed to adequately address Ohio's waiting lists?
- What is needed for the outcomes revolution to affect folks in ICF's as well as on the waiver?