

1. Welcome-Introductions
 - a. Welcome new Policy Committee Chair Scott DeLong
2. Guest Speaker: Joel Potts, Executive Director-Ohio Jobs and Family Services Directors Association
 - a. Medicaid Work Requirements
 - i. The Ohio Department of Medicaid announced last week it is looking to apply for an 1115 demonstration waiver that would allow Medicaid to impose work requirements on some able-bodied adults.
 - ii. Looking for a July 1, 2018 implementation date, but will most likely be pushed back. Public comments will be taken until mid-March.
 - iii. Currently no additional money appropriated for the implementation of the requirement. All but about 5% of enrollees will meet the requirements or be eligible for a carve-out.
 1. Will increase the demand on local Ohio Means Jobs sites without additional funding to support this demand.
 - iv. Currently there are more working Medicaid enrollees than non-working enrollees- has not historically been true.
 - v. No carve-out for people who are on the waitlist for behavioral health support which is concerning to OJFSDA.
 - vi. OJFSDA has tried to work with legislature to explain how Medicaid is different than other assistance programs, but legislature insists on moving forward.
 - vii. Concerns that healthy people could drop their Medicaid coverage if they do not want to work, get sick, then possibly be eligible for an exemption.
 - viii. Employment tracking will be done at eligibility redetermination and initial enrollment.
 - ix. Will be hard to track as people cycle in and out of the program.
 - x. Program does not address the fact that even if people have jobs, they may not be making living wages.
 - xi. Program does not help people get better jobs.
3. Guest Speaker: Representative Mark Romanchuk
 - a. HB 247
 - i. Representative Romanchuk gave an overview and history of his bill that recently got voted out of committee.
 - ii. HB 247 is trying to regain some control over what some electricity providers can charge on bills.
 1. Helps decrease the number of riders on electricity bills.
 2. Force electric companies to pay back consumers when they over bill.
 3. Estimated 10-15% savings on electricity bills.
 4. Provides savings for individuals we support, DSPs, our businesses, and other staff.
 - iii. Disallows public entities from owning generations.
 - iv. Working with a PR firm to rally support for the bill.
 - v. Current list of supporters includes AARP, OHCA, and others, only opposition is electricity companies.
 - vi. Rep. Romachuk is looking for support for the bill and for supports to get the Ohio Senate on board with the bill.

4. Focus Areas

- a. Reviewed results from the Policy Committee Focus Area Survey.
- b. Top three results are currently being worked on by other committees or small workgroups.
 - i. Committee would like to hear reports from the committee
- c. Talked about how to strengthen the communication from OPRA and these committees.
- d. Talked about how to continuously monitor the changing priorities within the group and field at large.
- e. Policy Committee will likely be held every other month (alternating months with Program Directors), with optional calls if rules are being changed.