

**OHIO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING  
PLANNING MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018  
670 MORRISON ROAD, SUITE 200  
GAHANNA, OHIO 43230**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Arthur Schlesinger, Chair  
Anthony Moye, Vice-Chair  
Kelly Hickman, SIL, Treasurer  
John Ballard, TCILC, CIL Rep  
Brianna Gruber  
Gwen Harshaw  
Robert Doersam

**OSILC STAFF PRESENT**

Jeremy Morris, Exec. Dir.  
Chris Gerbetz, OSILC Staff

**CILs PRESENT**

Robert Festenstien, Exec. Dir., CILO  
Jeremy Caffey, Exec. Dir., ACIL  
Kathy Foley, Exec. Dir., SIL  
Johannes Christian, Acting Dir. MOBILE  
David Boyd, MOBILE  
Melanie Hogan, Exec. Dir. LEAP

**OTHER GUESTS PRESENT**

Will O'Malley, OSILC Attorney  
Beth Hepner, PCA

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

**LIAISONS PRESENT**

Darlene Dalton, OOD  
Melissa Day, Ohio Disability Rights  
Jane Black, ODM

**Meeting called to order at:** 1:00 p.m. by Chair Arthur Schlesinger

**Introduction of:** Members, OSILC Staff, Liaisons, Guests

Chair Schlesinger began with the approval of January 18, 2018 Agenda and November 16, 2017 minutes.

**MOTION: To approval of the Agenda for 1/18/18.**

**Correction: To the Agenda, the date from 1/18/2017 to 1/18/2018.**

<b>FIRST:</b>	<b>Kelly Hickman</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Brianne Gruber</b>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	None
<b>APPROVED:</b>	Unanimously
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTION:</b>	None
<b>MOTION:</b>	Carried

**MOTION: To approve Minutes for 11/16/2017.**

<b>FIRST:</b>	<b>Pam Patula</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Anthony Moyer</b>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	None
<b>APPROVAL:</b>	Unanimously
<b>OPPOSED;</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTION:</b>	None
<b>MOTION:</b>	Carried

### **Liaison Presentation**

Chair Schlesinger introduced guest presenter Jane Black, Ohio Department of Medicaid. Handouts were distributed.

Ms. Black began by asking ED Morris to email the presentation to the people on the phone. She stated that she was the MFP Project Director and the grant that they are operating in Ohio is as Home Choice.

- Review of total transitions for 2017 – 2018
- A breakdown of the total active cases
- Current Home Choice Transitions – By institutions and age group
- Home Choice transitions by service population and age group
- The Home Choice Timeline
- MFP Grant information
- Beyond the Grant information for January 1 – June 30, 2019 and Parallel Programs
- Home Choice 2.0 – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Chair Schlesinger announced Bob Doersam the new OSILC Board Member.

**CIL Presentation**

Chair Schlesinger introduced the new Executive Director Jeremy Caffey, Access Center

Mr. Caffey talked about two of their programs. Handouts were provided.

1. The Ready Program: which is the recycled medical equipment donated for independence.
  - This is the equipment program donations such as hospital beds, shower chairs, benches, Hoyer lifts, manual wheel chairs, and electric wheel chairs are redistributed into the community to people who need them at no charge.
  - There is an intake process that clients go through and if they have the ability to donate to the program, their donations will be accepted.
  - The Ready Manager is now full time and he does all of the intake, finds the appropriate equipment if they have it and if they do not have it. The client is put on a list until it comes in or if they can find a way to get them the equipment.
  - They receive around 45 calls per day from people wanting to donate and 8 to 10 calls per day for requests for equipment.
  
2. “Think This is Easy: which is a disability awareness training program is facilitated by Assistant Director, Greg Kramer.
  - The program is about training people to understand the challenges that people with disabilities face on a daily basis.
  - The is a nine-rotation system and each trainee goes through each station that is maned by someone who has that particular disability.

• Vision Impairment degenerative vision loss	• Hearing Impairment	• Speech Impairment
• Blind with walking cane course	• Hand dexterity	• RTA field trip with manual wheelchair
• Obstacle Course for electric wheel chair	• Distracted Individual where the individual receives food and snack Total Dependency	• Cognitive Impairment

- They are working on getting and offering the program Continuing Education Credit, for 4 hour this training program.
- All of the RTA staff go through the training so that they will be able to assist when needed a person with disabilities using public transportation.

- Currently the training is offered bi-weekly, but they are hoping to offer it on a weekly basis. This is dependent on having the volunteers that man the stations available.
- There is a maximum of 8 per training.

Chair Schlesinger announced the representative from OOD Darlene Dalton now in attendance.

### **Liaison Presentation - Continued**

Chair Schlesinger introduced Melissa Day from Disability Rights Ohio.

Ms. Day began by describing the Client Assistance Program (CAP), which is a Federally mandated by the US Congress. They are program advocates for individuals who hare applicants and those individuals who are applying for specific services through OOD and individuals that the CIL service.

- They provide advocacy, limited representation, legal representation through the appeals process.
- There are a few steps through the administrative appeals process:
  1. Another step where the case is taken to Federal court.
- Outreach is provided there are 2 projects planned for this year.
  1. Reaching out to the Diversity Disability Services of three universities (OSU, Wright State and Columbus State) to provide them with educational training on services of OOD.
  2. Presentation on Strategies for Students with Autism, to be able to successful in transition from high school to college.
- Other services they provide are:
  1. Technical assistance for individuals who may be experiencing employment discrimination.
  2. Assistance with transition for student in independent living offering (living skills, peer mentoring and conflict resolution.
  3. Conflict resolution according to Federally mandates.
  4. Awareness of the Client Assistance Program. This applies to anyone who is seeking for receiving services.
- The Statewide Rehabilitation Council (SRC), 99 % of the states have a council that has members from CAP, non-disabled, disabled individuals and others. Who make sure that OOD is functioning correctly, and they are trying to get this in Ohio. Currently the bill has passed in the Senate and in the House.
- New electronic verification system and noted that there are problems with is currently. A letter has been sent to ODH about the issues.
- Senate Bill 216, which this bill tends to deregulate Ohio's Education system, but could negatively impact students with disabilities. If the bill passes it could potentially lower the hours required for special instruction, remove licensure requirements for aids and substitute aids. Which would eliminate the requirement for ongoing background checks.
- On January 12<sup>th</sup> they have uploaded a new resource center to help the disability community to track legislation that is going on in the state. There are about 12 that they are tracking currently.

Chair Schlesinger directed everyone to the display of their website.

### **CIL Presentation**

Chair Schlesinger introduced the new Executive Director Rob Festenstein, Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Mr. Festenstein opened by stating that the center services both sides of the Ohio river. They receive Ohio funding and service 31 counties in Kentucky to the east of I75. They have programs and services in these areas reaching out to West Virginia. They have a staff of 15 who are about helping their consumers.

There are two things that are unique about CILO:

1. The YOLO Program, Youth Overcoming Life Obstacles, the program which is run during the summer similar to a camp program. Where they take young people throughout the community with disabilities and do a summer program teaching them how to handle daily things such as: (How to catch a bus. How to get to work on time. How to do laundry.)
2. Art Beyond Boundaries, is an art gallery, which features art of all types of media and Over the Rind, which is the new upcoming neighborhood in Cincinnati. Upcoming event called "Chapter 11" and an exhibit from an artist from Israel will showcase his works.

### **Representative Reports**

Chair Schlesinger introduced Darlene Dalton, OOD. Handouts were distributed.

Ms. Dalton described the Dashboard and where they are at the end of fiscal year 2017 and where they are at for fiscal year 2018. She thanked the group for allowing some the independent living specialist to visit the different centers and for sending referrals to the ILOB program.

She reviewed the training with Mississippi State on vision impairment that they have offered, which anyone can participate to increase visual awareness. The training was very beneficial and would like for everyone to participate in the training. Possibly through GoToMeeting, setup different times for people to log on. This training would help staff increase their knowledge of those with visual impairment.

Chair Schlesinger asked if there were any other reports? Handouts were distributed for ODM

ED Morris added the report from Edward Gibson, ODM had sent in the final year-end report. He sent the report electronically.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance Committee**

Treasurer Kelly Hickman began with the carryover funds. The committee discussed where the funds will be delegated and looking at the Dashboard there seems to be almost doubled what they initially

thought. She asked Darlene Dalton if it is feasible that they are looking into transitioning their database from NetCIL to CILsFirst and the licenses for the individual centers are a little more expensive than what NetCIL as, with the cost of conversion. They would like with OOD's approval to earmark those dollars for the conversion and licenses. Ms. Dalton stated that she would take the request back and double check with finance that there is no issue with this request, to use the whole \$8,250.

Ms. Hickman also asked if some of these funds could be earmarked the funds for both, based on the estimate that has been given for the conversion fees and the number of centers that would have to be converted. It may not cost the entire \$8,250 so whatever funds that would be potentially left over from the conversion fees, be used for training.

### **SPIL I Monitoring**

ED Morris gave the report and they went through different data points that they are going to need to identify moving forward, from what the SPIL is and needing to look at it on a quarterly basis. One of the pitfall in the planning was that the data being used was 704 data and when it came time to report on OSILC 704 the progress of the SPIL they could not report the progress on it.

1. They will start measuring this quarterly.
2. Looking at the data points that will be needed.

### **SPIL II Writing**

ED Morris reported that the committee had discussion on a few sections of the SPIL that they will be looking at:

1. Expanding the network
2. Funding structures and mechanisms as part of it.
3. Discussion the narrative about the Statewide Independent Living Council and make it clear the (duties vs. authorities).

### **Nominating & Recruitment**

ED Morris reported that the committee met today and there was a lengthy discussion about:

1. Changes that will be needed for the Executive order. To have an Executive order that allows for OSILC to be in compliance.
2. Solution to propose to the Governor's office. Darlene Dalton requested a draft will be sent to OOD.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Schlesinger stated that everyone should complete the Ethics training and ED Morris forward the information online.

ED Morris announced that the training that was previously discussed by ILRU is moved to sometime in June. To meet the trainers schedule, there will be more information sent out.

ED Morris stated we do not have a definitive answer from the Attorney General Office, regarding what OSILC is as a legal entity. The representative that he has been talking to, has done her research and now has to send it to the people in charge of her office to verify, whatever the answer is and has to put it in writing. Discussion continued.

Kelly Hickman ask if the RFP has gone out to the centers, for the implementation of objectives to the SPIL. ED Morris stated that it has not yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Schlesinger by noting that there are three things that need to have motions on and voting on.

1. ED Morris is seeking the approval of the Board to approach the Governor's Office to Amend the Executive Order. The Executive Order ends in March. Today's discussion was regarding the makeup of the Council and how Ex-Officio Officers are supposed to appointed by the Governor. If this is true, it will affect the percentages that we are required to have i.e., (51% of the Board need to be a person with a disability).

**MOTION: To give Executive Director, Jeremy Morris the authority to work with the Governor's Office to amend the Executive Order, to increase the number of members to 14. Which breaks down to (1 Ex-Officio OOD, 1 Ex-Officio DD Council, 1 Ex-Officio ODM, and 11 voting members) It is believed will help resolve the issue of the percentage of individuals with disabilities meeting all of the criteria.**

**FIRST: Kelly Hickman, Treasurer**

**SECOND: Anthony Moye, Vice Chair**

**DISCUSSION:**

Q: Clarification of the number of members.

A: There will be 11 voting members and 3 Ex-Officios and 14 Total Members

Q: Does this do away with the number of members with disabilities.

A: It does not. It will increase the number of individuals with disabilities.

**APPROVED: Unanimously**

**OPPOSED: None**

**ABSTENTION: None**

**MOTION: Carried**

2. Approval of the \$8250.00 carryover funding from Part B 2017 grant to be used for the data conversion, from NetCIL to CILsFirst and possible training.

**MOTION: To allow the \$8250 carryover funds from 2017 be applied to conversion funds from NetCIL to CILsFirst and any additional funds beyond that to be used for training for the Centers.**

**FIRST: Kelly Hickman, Treasurer**  
**SECOND: Brianne Gruber**  
**DISCUSSION: None**  
**APPROVED: Unanimously**  
**OPPOSED: None**  
**ABSTENTION: None**  
**MOTION: Carried**

3. Senate Bill 2227, which is the Empowered Care Act that has been introduced by Senator Portman. The Council is being asked for approval to write a letter of support for the Bill. This came up during a conference call and having everyone write letters. It was discussed at the Advocacy Task Force meeting and a legislative Task Force was formed which is looking at anything federal or state that could impact disabilities. They are forming opinions and taking action. Any draft of the letter will be sent to the OSILC Board.

**MOTION: This motion is giving permission to SILC to write a letter of support in support of this bill.**

**FIRST: Anthony Moyer, Vice Chair**  
**SECOND: Brianne Gruber**  
**DISCUSSION: None**  
**APPROVED: Unanimously**  
**OPPOSED: None**  
**ABSTENTION: None**  
**MOTION: Carried**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Meeting Adjournment:** at 2:44 p.m.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

Jeremy Morris, Executive Director

Anita Smith, Office Manager