

OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION WORKFORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting](#)

In the absence of Committee Chair John Goodman, OHCA staff member Heidi McCoy called the meeting to order.

Ms. McCoy reminded everyone about the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies.

The minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

Mr. Pete Van Runkle started the meeting by discussing an array of public policy issues. He provided the following update on House Bill 45: almost all nursing facilities have applied for funds. There have been no updates/announcements regarding when the portals will open for any other provider types (Assisted Living, Hospice, HCBS waiver). Mr. Van Runkle then went on to update the committee regarding the status of the biannual Budget Bill. The House has passed their version (in your online folder) and for the most part, SNF and AL facilities should be happy and supportive in the terms of funding allocated. ID/HCBS are pursuing more funding in the Senate. The Senate will now take any amendments (due on Wednesday) and release the Senate sub bill on or around June 6th. For the Senate version, our hopes are for them to maintain the House bill and add language that would help prevent line-item vetoes by the Governor. Our goal for the Budget Bill is to provide necessary resources for workforce development. Mr. Van Runkle also provided an update on the Senate Workforce Amendments that will be filed. The summary of those amendments is in the online folder. These are specific to skilled nursing and are ideas that do not include funding or rate increases. The amendments are currently at LSC but there is no guarantee that they will be included in the Senate version.

Debbie Jenkins then provided a DODD update and their budget initiatives. The Task Force did meet in April but nothing new was discussed. Director Houck stated that the last meeting of this task force will be held in July. Ms. Jenkins also reported that Relias and ANCOR DSP survey report is available and includes items such as staff over 5 years, compensation, supervision, and career ladders. Ms. Jenkins went on to discuss the current proposed Medicaid Access Rule that would affect DD and Home Health members. This proposed rule would require that states require that

80% of organizations payment rate go to direct care wages and benefits. This would only leave 20% for supervision and overhead. CMS has asked for comments for which we have 60 days to do so.

Mandy Smith then provided the committee with an update of the ODM Civil Money Penalty Grant proposal (located in the online folder). There has been much confusion regarding the need for letters of interest from facilities. AHCA reached out to CMS which stated these letters were not needed. However, ODM did not agree. However, the entire SMP program is currently on review and all proposals are on hold.

Pete Van Runkle and Heidi McCoy provided the committee with updated information regarding AHCA’s workforce initiatives. These included the Apprenticeship Program. However, this program is not a statewide application, individual facilities would have to apply. Other initiatives discussed included the CNA Lockout Bill, the CNA Toolkit for CNA week, and the new workforce recruitment campaign – Careers in Caring.

No other comments or questions were given, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: June 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

First Name	Last Name	1/9/2023	2/13/2023	3/20/2023	4/17/2023	5/15/2023
Amy	Allen	X				X
T.	Allison	X	X			
Josh	Anderson		X	X	X	X
Ozimba	Anyangwe		X			
Andrew	Austin					
Allyson	Bakewell					
Edward	Beatrice		X		X	X
Brandi	Body					
Tammy	Bonifas					X
Steve	Boymel	X		X	X	
Nicole	Breving		X	X		X
Jamie	Brose	X	X	X		X
Nathan	Carder	X	X	X	X	
Amy	Caroll				X	
Kathy	Chapman		X			

Tiffany	Closson		X		X	
Angena	Collier					
Pam	Cooke	X	X	X		
Melissa	Courtock	X	X	X	X	X
Diane	Dietz		X	X		
John	Dombrowski	X	X	X		
Nancy	Erwin			X		
Cayleigh	Esterly					
Ken	Fetterman	X		X		
Lori	Filipovich		X		X	
John	Goodman	X		X	X	
Hannah	Goodwin			X		X
Alana	Griffin					
Belinda	Groppi	X				
Erin	Hart	X	X	X		
Deanna	Hatfield					
Jill	Herron	X	X		X	
Brenda	Honigford	X	X			
Joan	Howard				X	X
Eric	Hutchins		X			
Kiana	Jackson			X		
Debbie	Jenkins		X			X
Brandi	Johnson		X		X	
John	Jones	X				
Gina	Kerman					
Eileen	Kilbane	X	X		X	
Brian	Kinzer		X	X	X	X
Karen	Knavel		X		X	
Kelsey	Knisley	X	X	X		X
Eitan	Laghaie		X			X
Peter	Lienert			X		X
Joan	Longhin-Howard	X	X	X		
Heidi	McCoy	X	X		X	X
Brenda	Milanczuk					
Greg	Miller	X				
Steve	Miller		X		X	X
Jeremy	Monroe	X	X		X	
Bridgett	Mundy	X	X	X		
Shelly	Orlowski					
Rob	Pivonka			X	X	
Tom	Rickels	X		X	X	

Melanie	Rittenour					
Mark	Schlater	X	X			
Ginger	Schuerger-Davison	X	X	X	X	X
Carol	Slight					
Mandy	Smith	X	X	X	X	
Nicole	Sprenger	X				
Pete	Van Runkle	X	X	X		X
Aubrey	Varner					