

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities  
February 19, 2014 Minutes

Commissioners

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Guests: Linda Wetters, ODEA

Teleconference: Ivan Marcus, former teacher, and parent of a young man who is receiving adult services in Athens, Mark Seifarth, former Commissioner and Chair of DD Council Employment Committee

Call to Order

At 12:30 p.m. Chair Romer-Sensky called the meeting to order at Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Agency, Columbus, Ohio.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rees moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Licate. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Rees moved to amend the December 17-18, 2013 minutes to reflect Commissioner Dillingham's participation in the December Commissioners Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Daugherty. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Miller reported OOD is working on Mid-Year Budget Review (MBR) items. There are positive items being introduced in the MBR that will impact OOD. Unfortunately, he is unable to discuss what those items are because they may be announced at State-of-the-State address.

Invitations have been sent to Commissioners to attend the State-of-the-State address scheduled next Monday. DD Director John Martin and Director Miller have planned visits to establishments that have hired individuals with disabilities as part of the Employment First Initiative. OOD will be recognizing these employers for their dedication of hiring great employees.

RSA Draft Monitoring Report

Executive Director Miller reported RSA commented that Ohio is more interested in trying to provide services than trying to gain outcomes. Ohio focuses more on how it can open everything up to bring everybody in when it should be looking at how many people can it bring in to make sure people we are getting them a successful outcome of employment. Director Miller is putting together a task force to start looking at everything from how we bill (how our transactions work with vendors, to looking at what

are things we can do in our Fee Schedule and look at our day to day operations that we can change to help bring people in line to understand a different way of thinking of getting people into our system quicker, getting them more efficiently through the system, and getting them employed. A lot of OOD's matrixes are very much on the longer end. We began working on those things in the last couple of years as far as referral to application and application to plan and so forth. One of the things we need to focus on is how we budget and how we spend.

Former Chief of Staff Brenda Cronin reported as part of the transition, she has made several recommendations to the Director. She wants to put the agency on a course of raising the level of services and understanding about what is needed for the individuals we work with. She also wants to engage Community Rehabilitation Programs and local cooperative agreement contractors to form a task force to work on quality of service and accountability. RSA will return to Ohio to see if we are making responsible decisions because they believe we are spending way too much money per case. OOD belies this also. After we spent a lot of money we are not getting the results that RSA is looking for. The taskforce will take a look at some measurements, baselines, determine what does quality look like for OOD, what does a fair amount of expenditures look like, what is it that we need to communicate to you that we want, nothing more, nothing less. With all of this information, then make recommendations to Director Miller, Executive Team members, representatives of the provider community and the Commissioners, etc. OOD has to be on the same page with the people we are sending our individuals with disabilities to for services to ultimately get rehabilitation.

Ms. Cronin further reported for internal operations, we come up with a difficult way to do fiscal practices in our regional offices. We have counselors who work really hard, trying to do the right thing, but we have required them to have no fiscal experience. Our practice is that we give each counselor so much money and say work your cases, make sure your individuals you are working with are getting services. What we do is we budget and we spend per counselor, not necessarily per consumer. We would like to present this is your regional budget and staff should be awarded budgets, money and so forth according to the resource needs as a whole. We also need to look at in-depth trend analysis on what is actually being purchased. For example, if we are spending sixty percent of our money on community based assessments, but we are not getting very good outcomes, then we need to reshuffle the deck and figure out a better way. We would like to begin next fiscal year with new practices and protocol on how are the regional offices making decisions on spending their money. We need to get into the practice of purchasing units. If we identify that last year a provider used 100,000 units, then this coming year, we can anticipate purchasing 100,000 units, the provider plans better and we plan better. The provider is more responsive because they know they have more units coming.

#### Budget and Audit Committee

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Therese Dyer reported on the IOS Report and the Reinvestment Report. OIG investigated OOD regarding the way ARRA money was spent. OOD refuted the remarks and was able to show monies were not misspent. The issue was with paperwork. Addendums to contracts were issued to reconcile the dollars that went to vendors. All money is accounted for and the paperwork has been reconciled. OIG is satisfied with our response.

CFO Dyer stated the final report was completed with the Auditor of State. OOD had two management letter findings. One management letter finding was with the Cash Management Act where we need to spend the dollars we have to draw down dollars within three days by law to make sure we are not getting interest on those dollars. W We disagreed with their methodology on how they calculate cash flow because it

doesn't give us leeway if payroll posts a day or two. We argued about these administrative types of issues with them. The Auditor of State agreed that their methodology could be revisited so instead of looking at things daily, they will look at it in total for a month and make sure we are averaging three days to get the money out. We think this is a more fair way of looking at this.

The second management letter comment was with the Social Security Disability Insurance. OOD filed a report and RSA felt the report was inaccurate. The report balanced and reconciled. RSA is very rule-bound and they trace and voucher transactions from beginning to end to beginning. We did not have all of the supporting documentation to back of every number we had. We have agreed to make sure that we have all supporting documentation so when they come back in one year so we can explain the numbers. A significant deficiency is the vocational rehabilitation document of eligibility for eligibilities that are to take place within 60 days or there is a letter placed in the file that states why there is an extension. RSA could not find the papers in the files to support the extension. OOD has created an action plan internally and will be followed up by July, 2014. Also, OOD's Quality Assurance group will be providing internal quality assurance reviews.

Commissioner Daugherty reported the Budget and Audit Committee met last week. Budget Manager Maria Seaman reported on the USES Report. In FFY'14 the total amount of the VR grant we anticipated drawing down of the current year grant is \$120.1 million, which is based on internal match. We are anticipating about \$12.97 million in third-party partnership revenue. We also anticipate about \$1.67 million from the Department of Developmental Disabilities regarding the Employment First Initiative. The carryover dollars are estimated at \$28.3 million. Federal Fiscal Year 2013 is closed.

Ms. Seaman reported regarding expenditures, the biggest item of note is VR Case Services budget. The internal budget we agreed upon this year is \$46.2million, which is about \$200,000 per caseload carrying counselor. We are committed to cost savings measures.

THE PAST EACH COUNSELOR SPENDS ON AVERAGE ANYWHERE FROM 250,000 TO

262,000. WE'RE HOPING TO GET THEM TO ABOUT 200,000 PER CASE LOAD THIS

YEAR.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHER 50,000 THAT

Program Planning Committee

BVR Deputy Director Susan Pugh reported the VR State Plan is being reviewed and revised, and will be given to the Commissioners to approve at their June meeting so it can be submitted to RSA by July 1. There will be statewide forums to get input from consumers and providers late in March or early part of April. We will have the forums in the same areas of the state with the exception of Marietta. We plan to have one in Athens. The VR State Plan will focus on increasing efficiencies, success rates and asking for help from stakeholders to guide the decision making. Dates will be posted on OOD's website. A PowerPoint presentation will also be posted on the website. CRPs need to be involved and the more involvement they have, the

AS BRENDA

SAID, CRP'S NEED TO BE INVOLVED, AND IT'S MY IDEA THAT THE MORE INVOLVEMENT THEY HAVE, THE MORE THAT BROUGHT IN THE PROCESS, THE BETTER THEY'RE GOING TO PRODUCE AND YOU HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES.

>>>: SUSAN: ABSOLUTELY. POINT WELL TAKEN.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: SUSAN, HOW DO WE TAKE THAT INFORMATION WE

GET FROM THE STATE PLANS AND DO SOMETHING WITH THEM? I'LL BE HONEST,

I'VE ATTENDED FORUMS LIKE THAT, AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. YOU'RE KIND OF GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS. HOW ARE WE

GOING TO TAKE THAT INFORMATION AND TRULY DO SOMETHING THAT'S OF VALUE

WITH THAT. WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR IT TAKE THAT INFORMATION.

>>>: SUSAN: GENERALLY WHAT WE DO IS WE TAKE NOTES AND WE OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE TRIED A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT VENUES. WE'VE DONE MORE OF KIND OF THE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS. WE'VE DONE KIND OF THE OPEN MIKE DISCUSSIONS AND SO

FORTH. I'M NOT SURE WE'VE NAILED DOWN THE COMPLETE AGENDA FOR THE

MEETINGS YET. BUT THEN WHAT WE DO IS WE TAKE NOTES AT ALL OF THE MEETINGS AND PEOPLE ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IF THEY CAN'T MAKE A MEETING TO PROVIDE US WITH PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGH THE INTERNET AND SO

ON AND SO FORTH. AND THEN WE CONSOLIDATE ALL OF THAT AND WOULD BE

PRESENTING IT TO YOU AND THEN I SEE THE DIRECTOR RAISING HIS HAND.

MR. MILLER: I GUESS WHAT I COULD SAY, COMMISSIONER, IS  
IT'S NOT SO MUCH I THINK THESE MEETINGS ARE ABOUT LET'S TALK ABOUT A  
NEW STRATEGY. IT'S ABOUT BRINGING MORE PEOPLE IN TO TALK ABOUT THE  
TACTICS. AND I THINK THROUGH THE THREE YEARS WE'VE BEEN HERE, IT'S  
NO  
SO MUCH LIKE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS COST INITIATIVE. IT'S MY ISSUE  
IT'S NOT THAT WE GO TO THE MEETINGS AND SAY IS THAT A GOOD IDEA,  
SHOULD WE CHANGE OUR MIND, IT'S MORE ABOUT HERE'S WHAT THE  
STRATEGY IS  
SO AS CRP'S -- AND WE WILL DO SPECIFIC TARGETED OUTREACH TO OUR  
PROVIDERS. AND WE ALSO DO THAT, BY THE WAY, TO OUR ASSOCIATIONS  
AND  
SO FORTH. BUT TO THE POINT THAT I WAS SAYING, COMMISSIONER BROWN,  
IS  
THAT IT'S MORE ABOUT SAYING SO HERE'S WHAT OUR OVERALL STRATEGY  
IS.  
AS CHAIRMAN ROMER-SENSKY SAID, WE'VE GOT TO GO TO THIS, BUT TELL US  
YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO HIT CERTAIN THINGS AS COMMISSIONER  
DILLINGHAM WAS  
SAYING, OKAY, ONE OF THE STRATEGIES WAS HOW DO WE SPEND, HOW DO  
WE  
PLAN THE PROGRAM DOLLARS. THESE ARE THINGS JUST BY TALKING TO  
PEOPLE,  
TALKING TO CRP'S, WE WERE HEARING ABOUT BILLING ISSUES. SO IT'S  
MORE  
ABOUT HOW DO WE HEAR FROM YOU ON SOME OF THE TACTICS TO FIT THE  
STRATEGY, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: GENERALLY, YOU'RE GOING TO BRING IT

BACK TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND DEBATE SOME OF IT BACK AND FORTH

THERE ALONG WITH OTHER FEEDBACK AND THOUGHTS.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: IN ADDITION TO ATHENS, DO YOU HAVE YET THE OTHER CITIES WHERE THERE WILL BE THESE FORUMS?

>>>: SUSAN: COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI, CLEVELAND, TOLEDO, ATHENS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: EVEN IF YOU HAVE A PIECEMEAL CALENDAR, LIKE IF IT'S -- THE SOONER YOU GET ANY DATE TO US, THE BETTER, EVEN IF IT'S NOT ALL SET IN STONE. BACK TO YOU, COMMISSIONER LICATE.

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL, I'LL PROBABLY

GO TO TOLEDO AGAIN, SINCE I'M UP THERE.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: WE'LL DO OUR USUAL AND TO TRY TO

MAKE SURE THERE'S AT LEAST ONE COMMISSIONER AT EVERY ONE OF THOSE.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: I'LL GO TO CLEVELAND. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE.

>>>: SUSAN: NO, SIR.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. PUGH. SO NOW WE

HAVE THE -- AS PART OF OUR PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT, THE PLAN FOR -- THE INDEPENDENT LIVING.

>>>: WITH INDEPENDENT LIVING WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START WITH OUR CURRENT SPIL THAT IS COVERING STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING THAT IS COVERING 2014 THROUGH 2016 YEAR. JUST TO REPEAT, I THINK WE'RE OFF TO A PRETTY GOOD START WITH OUR CURRENT STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING THAT'S COVERING THE 2014 THROUGH 2016 YEAR. OOD IS CURRENTLY PROGRAM PLANNING WITH THE OHIO SILC TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE'RE CALLING A STRATEGIC PLAN IN PLACE FOR WHAT OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WHAT OUR OUTREACH NEEDS TO BE FOR THE DSU LEVEL WITH OOD AND ALSO THE OSILC LEVEL DOWN TO THE SIL'S. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM AUDIT THAT INCLUDES A FISCAL REVIEW AND A PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW OF HOW THE INNOVATION AND EXPANSION FUNDS ARE BEING UTILIZED BY THE OSILC TO PLAN ON LOOKING AT THE BENEFIT THEY'VE BEEN HISTORICALLY AND TO PLAN FOR THE BENEFIT THAT WE'RE PROJECTING THEM TO BE IN FUTURE YEARS AND HOW THOSE DOLLARS ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THE SILC ADMINISTRATION FOR ESSENTIALLY MAINTAINING WHAT THE RESPONSIBILITY IS UNDER THE FEDERAL STATUTE. WITH THAT, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT WAYS TO CAPTURE DATA IN TERMS OF SPIL UPDATES FROM THE SILC LEVEL, THE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, AS WELL AS

FROM THE CCD'S AND COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR THE DEAF THAT HAVE THE OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE THAT ARE WITHIN THE STATE PLAN SO WE CURRENTLY HAVE SOME TEMPLATE FORMATS IN PLACE OF HOW TO CAPTURE THAT THROUGH SURVEY MONKEY AND THROUGH SOME QUARTERLY REPORTING THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR THE SIL'S AND CCD'S TO PROVIDE FOR US. I THINK WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT IN THE THIRD QUARTER SOMETIME AROUND APRIL WE SHOULD HAVE FINAL REPORTING DONE TO ISSUE OUT TO THE SIL'S AND CCD'S TO BEGINNING THAT QUARTERLY REPORTING SO WE CAN LOOK AT IS IT CAPTURING THE DATA THAT WE NEED IT TO CAPTURE IN TERMS OF HOW THEIR OBJECTIVES ARE BEING MET UNDER THE SPIL, WHAT CHALLENGES THAT THEY'RE SEEING, AND WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE DO THEY NEED TO HELP HE THEM PROGRESS WITH THOSE OBJECTIVES. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT SOME TEMPLATE REPORTING IN TERMS OF HOW THE DSU, OOD AND OSILC ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET THEIR MANDATE IN TERMS OF JUST UNDERSTANDING THE IL PROGRAM, MOVING FORWARD INITIATIVES THAT BETTER CERTAIN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY AND INDEPENDENT LIVING, SO TO CAPTURE WHAT THOSE NEEDS ARE. I THINK WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT THAT WE'RE DOING WITH ON OSILC

AND DSU IS GOING TO HELP US TARGET WHAT THOSE NEEDS ARE. IT'S A VERY

BROAD SCOPED AUDIT SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. I THINK WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE'RE WRAP THAT UP WITH A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OR A

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN IN PLACE BY EARLY TO MID MAY FOR US TO KIND

OF BEGINNING IMPLEMENTING AND ROLLING THAT OUT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER

OF THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND FIRST QUARTER OF FC15. JUST TO NOTE,

WE ARE CURRENTLY DEALING WITH A CHALLENGE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CENTERS

FOR THE DEAF. WE HAD OUR CENTER IN THE TOLEDO AREA, TOLEDO SPEECH AND

HEARING CENTER, CLOSE RATHER ABRUPTLY IN TERMS OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

WE WERE NOTIFIED -- WE HEARD A RUMOR ON WEDNESDAY, WE SPOKE TO THEM ON

THURSDAY AND THEY LOCKED THEIR DOORS ON FRIDAY. TOLEDO SPEECH AND

HEARING CENTER. THEY HOUSED OUR CCD PROGRAM IN THEIR TOLEDO AREA. IN

TERMS OF THE CCD PROGRAM, THAT CREATES A GREAT VOID FOR THAT COMMUNITY

AND CREATES A VOID FOR OUR PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY DELIVERED

SERVICES TO ABOUT 10 OR 11 COUNTIES. SO WITHIN THE CCD PROGRAM WE

ACTUALLY HAVE STATEWIDE COVERAGE. SO THE VOID THAT IT CREATES FOR US

PROGRAMMATICALLY REACHES FAR BEYOND JUST LUCAS COUNTY. SO WE'RE

WORKING QUICKLY TO TRY TO ARRANGEMENT A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR US TO SHOW

THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE ISSUE, WE ARE ADDRESSING IT TO GET SOME IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY IMMEDIATE BACK IN TERMS OF HOW DO WE PUT IN PLACE

THE TYPE OF IMMEDIATE SERVICE GAP NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TRYING

TO RESUME THE MOST IMPORTANT DELIVERY OF SERVICES THAT WE CAN WHILE

WE'RE LOOKING AT MORE LONG-TERM HOW DO WE CAPTURE A NEW CCD IN THE

AREA POTENTIALLY TO CREATE MORE LONG-TERM SERVICES. WE'RE HOPEFUL

THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THAT COMMUNITY FORUM PROBABLY BY THE 28TH. WE'RE

SHOOTING FOR THE 28TH, DEPENDING SAY UPON HOW QUICKLY WE CAN GET

COMMUNITY OUT ABOUT THE FORUM. THE SIL IN THE AREA, WHICH IS THE ABILITY CENTER, IS BEING EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN TERMS OF HELPING US TO

COMMUNICATE ESSENTIALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING, TO PUT THE WORD OUT OF THIS

FORUM ONCE THE DATE IS ESTABLISHED AND HELPING US TO STRATEGIZE HOW WE

CAN PUT SERVICES IN PLACE TO FILL THIS NEED UNTIL WE COME UP WITH A

MORE LONG-TERM GOAL. SO WE WILL HAVE COMMUNICATION POSTED ON OUR

TWITTER ACCOUNT, FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE AND OUT TO OUR PARTNERS THAT

ACCESS SERVICES IN THOSE AREAS. ANY QUESTIONS?

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: I MIGHT ADD IF I MAY, MADAM CHAIR, AT THE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, WE HAD A BIT OF A CONVERSATION ABOUT

THIS, THE SIL'S AND THE STATE SIL, IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET AND ALL. I

THINK PERHAPS THERE'S A NEED FOR US TO BETTER TEASE OUT THE BUDGETING

PROCESS. AM I SAYING THAT KIND OF THE WAY WE TALKED ABOUT IT AT THAT

TIME?

>>>: YEAH.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT IN OUR PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING. AS A NEW COMMISSIONER, I JUST WANT TO KNOW

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET IS ADMINISTRATIVE AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF

THE BUDGET GOES TO DIRECT SERVICES AND DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN IDEA OF --

>>>: WITH THE IL PROGRAM WE ESSENTIALLY HAVE TWO DIFFERENT POTS OF FUNDS THAT WE LOOK AT AND SO THE PART B FUNDS THAT PASS-THROUGH THAT WE MATCH WITH THE GRF IF THAT GOES TO OSILC THOSE

ARE DOWN TO THE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. SO ALL OF THOSE SERVICES THEY BRING ABOUT DIRECT SERVICES. SO THEY PAY FOR THE

ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION FOR THOSE CENTERS WHO DELIVER THEIR DIRECT

SERVICE WHEN WE DO OUR 704 REPORTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE CAPTURE THE NUMBER OF DIRECT SERVICES THAT COMES FROM THOSE FUNDS THAT

GO DOWN TO THE SIL'S. THIS CONTRACT HERE, IT'S ABOUT 776,000 THAT GOES DOWN TO THE SIL'S, NOT INCLUDING ANY POTENTIAL CARRYOVER COMING

FROM FEDERAL 13 THAT HASN'T BEEN ALLOCATED YET, THOSE GO DOWN TO THE

SIL'S FOR DIRECT SERVICE. THEN YOU HAVE OSILC BUDGET AND THEN WHAT WE

USE TO MATCH THE INNOVATION AND EXPANSION GRANT THROUGH VR THROUGH

OSILC OPERATION. WITH THAT BUDGET THEY'RE AROUND 400,000 THIS YEAR

WITH ABOUT A LITTLE LESS THAN 20,000 IN GENERAL REVENUE THAT'S

REMAINING FOR THEM TO USE FOR THE OPERATION. YOU DON'T GET THE SAME

TYPE OF DIRECT SERVICES FROM THAT GRANT. YOU GET MORE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE OSILC FROM THAT GRANT THAT GOES TO THE I & E FUNDS. THAT'S THE

TARGET OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT THAT WE'RE PERFORMING TO LOOK AT

WHAT ARE WE DOING -- WHAT HAS BEEN THE BENEFIT OF THOSE DOLLARS AND

WHAT IS THE FUTURE BENEFIT OF THOSE DOLLARS ONCE WE STRATEGIZE WHAT

THE PURPOSE OF THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE. SO LOOKING AT THE STRUCTURE OF

THEIR STAFF, WHAT ARE THE DELIVERABLES, WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE ARE WE

GOING TO DELIVER TO THE SIL'S AND WHAT TYPE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GOOD THE OSILC HAVE.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: AND THE GOAL BEING, OF COURSE, SERVING MORE PEOPLE. ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THAT \$400,000? ARE THERE

RESTRICTIONS IN TERMS OF USE?

>>>: THERE ABSOLUTELY ARE RESTRICTIONS. I THINK GENERALLY SPEAKING THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE SAME FEDERAL COST PRINCIPLES THAT ALL

OF OUR GRANTS FOLLOW THAT ARE UNDER THE VR ADMINISTRATION, BECAUSE THE

I & E GRANT IS MATCHED TO THE VR GRANT. AN ADDITIONAL STATUTE RESTRICTION IS ONCE WE GIVE THOSE DOLLARS TO OSILC THEY CAN ONLY BE

USED FOR THE OPERATION OF OSILC. AND SO WHEN WE LOOK AT IT FROM AND

AUDIT PERSPECTIVE, WE LOOK AT HOW THOSE DOLLARS ARE SPENT AND HOW

THEY'RE ACTUALLY FUNCTIONALLY HELPING THE SILC TO OPERATE. SO THAT'S

WHY THE COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT WE'RE DOING IS LOOKING AT FISCAL AND PROGRAMMATIC BECAUSE FISCAL SAYS YOU'RE ALLOWED TO SPEND IT THAT WAY,

BUT THE PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW SAYS YOU CAN SPEND IT THAT WAY

PROGRAMMATICALLY BECAUSE WE ARE SAYING WE AGREE THAT'S NEEDED TO

OPERATE THE SIL.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I THINK OUR POINT WOULD BE THE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MIGHT LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND SOME OF

THAT GOING FORWARD. COMMISSIONER REES, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

COMMISSIONER REES: NOT YET.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: WE HAVE SOME REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE IL

COMMUNITY. DO THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

>>>: I THINK YOU SAID IT WELL, WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH THE IL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE 12 CENTERS NOW THAT ARE DOING VERY WELL. TWO

OF THEM ARE -- HAVING UNDER RSA REVIEW AND THERE ARE SOME FINDINGS WITH THOSE CENTERS, AND THOSE ARE CENTERS WORKING THROUGH A CORRECTION

PLAN, AND RSA, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, WILL BE BACK NEXT YEAR TO LOOK AT ANOTHER CENTER. PRIOR TO THAT THEY WERE IN CINCINNATI AND DID A REVIEW IN 2013. AND THAT CENTER CAME OUT WITH FLYING COLORS. AND SO

THERE ARE -- THERE'S SOME VERY EXCELLENT THINGS GOING ON WITH EACH AND

EVERY CENTER IN EACH DIFFERENT CITY. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT IT FROM A COUNCIL STANDPOINT, WE DON'T HAVE ANY DIRECT CONTROL OF WHAT THE

CENTERS DO. IT IS OUR JOB TO LOOK AT WHAT THE BIG PICTURE IS FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES AND WE TRY TO DEVELOP THAT PLAN THAT YOU ALL AGREED UPON AND DECIDE WHAT IS THE BEST DIRECTION THAT WE CAN GO PHYSICALLY AND THE BEST PROGRAMMATICALLY THAT WE CAN DO WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT OHIO.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S ALL WE HAVE

ON THE INDEPENDENT LIVING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT CERTAINLY SHOWS

YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AND HOW THIS IS HEADED IN SUCH A POSITIVE DIRECTION. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU.

>>>: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. I HAVE GREAT PARTNERS TO WORK WITH.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU GUYS FOR PARTICIPATING

TODAY. WE APPRECIATE IT.

#### Legislative Report

Legislative Liaison Steve Wilson reported House Bill 286 deals with the Department of Developmental Disabilities, their board and having them meet via teleconference as well as video conference. The discussion was to seek an amendment to have OOD's Commissioners included in the bill. The bill is a pilot project to see how it would work. The Governor's Office wanted to see how it would work in practicality prior to including OOD and other boards and commissions. The Governor's office does not have a preference. The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council would also like to be included in the bill.

ROCEED AND AT LEAST SEE IF WE CAN BE AMENDED IN AS PART OF A PILOT?

COMMISSIONER LICATE: THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US FROM -- NOT FROM

THE CENTRAL OHIO AREA OR THE NORTHERN OHIO AREA.

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: TO HAVE OURSELVES AMENDED INTO

HOUSE BILL 286 AS ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS THAT'S ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

OF INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE, WHICH IS WHAT WE DISCUSSED AT OUR

DECEMBER MEETING. IF YOU GUYS WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE, WE COULD ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION.

COMMISSIONER REES: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: SECOND.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR TO SEEK AMEND OF

BEING INCLUDED IN HOUSE BILL 286 PROVISIONS SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OM -- OKAY.

SIONER REES: I WILL CRAFT A LETTER THAT I WILL SHARE

Mr. Mark Seifarth stated the DD Council has worked for a number of years with the Ohio newspaper Association and they have significant concerns about open meetings and being sure meetings are available to the public. The DD Council worked with them to come to some agreement where they are not opposed to this bill. There might be significant concerns about adding other people to this bill at this time.

Legislative Liaison Wilson further reported OOD is monitoring House Bill 333 which deals with lawsuits on ADA compliance. The bill requires someone to give notice before they file a lawsuit to a property owner..

Commissioner Dillingham motioned to ask Commissioners to oppose House Bill 333, because it is a step back for the disability community

Discussion: Legislative Liaison Wilson stated the bill had its third hearing a couple of weeks ago. It is sponsored by a minority member. It is strongly supported by the business community and is strongly opposed by the disability community. There have been meetings on the bill to get recommendations on ways to improve it. The

Governor's Office is monitoring the bill, but not taking a position. The two agencies close to it are OOD and DD. OOD's view is it doesn't impede someone's vocational rehabilitation progress if someone is seeking employment. The proponents and supporters of the bill believe this will improve ADA compliance, get people to ADA compliance quicker. The litigation takes longer than the actual bill would do. The opponents view is that this impedes ADA law. The retail merchants and the Ohio Restaurant Association, Chamber of Commerce, and the National Federation of Independent Business and some architectural firms

Commissioners concern is that they don't know enough about the bill to oppose it. Also, this is not a direct OOD piece of legislation. We could spend every Commission meeting going through every piece of legislation deciding if we are for or against it. Not sure that is our mission.

**Mr. stated** he disagrees. Businesses that are inaccessible will impede opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be employed in that restaurant or shopping center. This bill should be very important to the Commissioners. This bill will bar down the ADA to the point where they want this extension and then they want this other extension, they want 90 days to allow for them to fix their problem if they can't do it then get another 120 days. That is not what the ADA was created for. The ADA is a civil rights piece of legislation. How many other civil rights legislations would be asked to do this? TO DO Commissioners stated your may be one hundred percent correct, not sure if commissions should be in the business of taking positions where we are not. CACY BODY. AND THROUGH OUR POSITION OF ADVOCACY, THAT WE SHOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO WEIGH IN ON STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS OUR CONSUMERS. SO I DO NOT KNOW IF WE'LL AGREE AT ALL OR IF PEOPLE EVEN WANT TO TAKE A VOTE TO TAKE

POSITION. OR I'M EVEN WILLING TO SUGGEST I WOULD ASK MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO JUST GET MORE INFORMED ABOUT THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND MAYBE AT THE NEXT MEETING BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT WHETHER WE SHOULD TAKE A POSITION AS A COMMISSION. OF COURSE, WE'RE ALL FREE TO TAKE POSITIONS INDIVIDUALLY. IT JUST WOULD BE MORE POWERFUL TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN UNISON.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING VERY MUCH. DO OTHER COMMISSIONERS WANT TO WEIGH IN.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM

ON

THIS. IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I THINK MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED AND PERHAPS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS THERE WILL BE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: IT COULD BE SOMETHING THAT IMPEDES

EMPLOYMENT AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ABOUT.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: ANYONE.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: DO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHEN THIS IS GOING

TO BE VOTED ON?

>>>: WE DON'T KNOW RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: COULD IT BE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS?

>>>: IT COULD BE. THE REPRESENTATIVE WAS TAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTY MEETING. THERE WEREN'T MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT WERE AT THE MEETING THAT WERE OPPOSED TO THE BILL SIMPLY SAID THEY WANTED IT TO STOP. SO HE DIDN'T GET A LOT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT MEETING ITSELF. SO HE'S DRAFTING A SUBSTITUTE VERSION WHICH HE PLANS TO HAVE INTRODUCED TO THE COMMITTEE WHENEVER THE COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: I PERSONALLY DON'T SUPPORT THIS, BUT I -- AND I JUST WONDER IF BY THE TIME WE'RE INFORMED ON THIS WILL IT BE A

MOOT POINT.

MR. MILLER: IT'S ON THE INTERNET, BUT WE COULD HELP BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE BUSY, IS MAYBE GET A COPY OF THE BILL ANALYSIS AND SEND IT TO ALL OF YOU. REALIZING THAT MAY CHANGE WHEN THE SUBSTITUTE BILL IS INTRODUCED, BUT THAT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE OF A DETAILED FROM LSC, UNBIASED KIND OF REVIEW OF WHAT THE LEGISLATION DOES. AND THEN MAYBE THAT COULD HELP AS FAR AS MAKING YOUR DECISION ON WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO. IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

COMMISSIONER REES: IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. I PARTY THAT. I THINK ALONG THOSE LINES AS THE SUBSTITUTE BILL IS INTRODUCED IF YOU COULD BE SURE TO KEEP FORWARDING THOSE TYPES OF THINGS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: SO YOU THINK THAT -- OUR NEXT MEETING ISN'T TILL APRIL. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE THROUGH THE HOUSE AND SENATE BY THEN?

>>>: I WOULDN'T EXPECT SO.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: EVEN IF IT CLEARS THE HOUSE WE COULD STILL WEIGH IN.

>>>: I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE IN SESSION LONG ENOUGH FOR THIS TO GET ALL THE WAY TO THE SENATE. THEY'RE EXPECTING TO BE IN RECESS AT THE END OF THE MONTH TILL THE PRIMARIES. I DON'T EXPECT -- IT COULD PASS THE HOUSE, BUT I DON'T EXPECT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TIME

FOR

IT TO PASS THE SENATE. I'VE HEARD THEY'RE GOING TO GO IN RECESS  
UNTIL

THE PRIMARIES ARE OVER.

>>>: MR. MILLER: I DON'T KNOW HOW APPROPRIATE THIS IS, BUT  
PERHAPS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK MR. SIEFARTH, IF THE DD COUNCIL IS  
DOING  
ANYTHING WITH IT?

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: MARK, THE QUESTION WAS, HAS THE DD

COUNCIL TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS BILL?

>>>: YEAH, THE DD COUNCIL DID SEND A LETTER SINCE THE COUNCIL HADN'T MET AND DIDN'T TAKE A VOTE THEY DID IT AS AN INTERESTED PARTY BUT THEY RAISED A SIGNIFICANT LIST OF CONCERNS IN THE INTERESTED PARTY

LETTER. ALSO, THE REPRESENTATIVE LAST FRIDAY MET WITH THE DISABILITY

EMPLOYMENT, THAT GROUP THAT GOT TOGETHER AFTER NATIONAL COUNCIL ON

DISABILITY AND CAME AND DID A FORUM. SO THERE'S A GROUP THAT WORKS ON

EMPLOYMENT, SUE WILLIS HELPS TO WORK ON THAT GROUP. HE CAME AND SPENT

ABOUT AN HOUR TALKING WITH THE GROUP AND ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE

AMENDMENTS COMING FORWARD. VERY BRIEFLY, I THINK YOUR ESTEEMED

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DID A VERY GOOD JOB LAYING OUT BOTH SIDES. I

WOULD JUST LAYOUT THAT THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY DOES SEE THIS AS A WAY

TO IMPEDE PROGRESS ON WHAT THE ADA IS SUPPOSED TO DO. BUSINESSES ARE

HAVING DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THERE'S MAYBE ONE OR TWO, FROM WHAT I'VE

HEARD -- I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY, WE ALL KNOW THAT, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE

HEARD, THERE ARE ONE OR TWO ATTORNEYS THAT FILE A LOT OF LAWSUITS AND

IT WOULD BE MY HOPE WE COULD GET SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE

CONDUCTIVE

LITIGANTS, BUT IF THEY FILE LAWSUITS AND THEY FIND SOMETHING WRONG, YOU CAN'T CALL THEM THAT. THERE'S SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH THIS BILL. WHAT COMES OUT AS A SUBSTITUTE BILL, I DON'T KNOW. THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY IS HAVING PROBLEM WITH THE FACT THAT THIS IMPEDES

THE SPIRIT AND THE ACTUAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE ADA.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU. LISTEN, I DON'T WANT BE

TO THE ONE STANDING IN THE WAY IF EVERYONE ELSE FEELS COMFORTABLE

GOING ON THE RECORD IN OPPOSITION TO THIS. I DON'T HAVE ANY -- I  
DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM BEING OPPOSED TO THE BILL. MY PROBLEM IS  
MORE  
PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT HOW MANY BILLS ARE WE GOING TO LOOK AT EVERY  
TIME.  
IF THE WILL OF THE GROUP IS TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THIS PARTICULAR  
BILL GOING ON THE RECORD IN OPPOSITION AS IT NOW STANDS, KNOWING  
THERE  
COULD BE SUBSTITUTE BILLS LATER, BUT AS IT NOW STANDS, I AM WILLING  
TO  
ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: I WOULD LIKE -- AND IN PREFERENCE TO  
ME MAKING A MOTION, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN. AND I'VE  
HAD  
PEOPLE IN MY CINCINNATI AREA REACH OUT TO ME IN MY ROLE AS  
COMMISSIONER SAYING AM I AWARE OF THIS, THIS IS CONCERNING. THAT'S  
PART OF THE REASON I BROUGHT IT UP. I'M NOT ONE TO GET INTO LONG  
LISTS OF LEGISLATION, BECAUSE I DO THAT IN MY OTHER JOBS. BUT THAT  
SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER  
TO  
GO ON RECORD IN WRITING THAT WE OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL  
333  
AND WE COULD WRITE SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT OUR MISSION IS AND THAT  
WE ARE  
HERE TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO ACCESS  
EMPLOYMENT,  
COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT AND THAT WE SEE THIS AS A POSSIBLE  
IMPEDIMENT

TO THAT.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: DO I HAVE A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER REES: I'LL SECOND.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE  
MOTION

SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, SAME SIGN. ALL RIGHT.

WE WILL DO THAT. JUST AS A HOUSEKEEPING MEASURE, IF IT WOULD BE ALL

RIGHT WITH YOU GUYS, SOMETIMES I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE. I KNOW THAT  
I

HAVE A AUTHORITY IN THE BYLAWS TO BE THE ONE WHO SIGNS ON BEHALF OF

ALL OF US. I ALWAYS THINKS IT LOOKS MORE POWERFUL WHEN THERE ARE SIX

OR SEVEN SIGNATURES. WOULD YOU GUYS BE AMENABLE TO WRITING YOUR

SIGNATURE,S SHIRLEY CAN SCAN THEM AND IN THOSE CASES WHERE WE WANT TO

DO ALL SIGNATURES EMAIL OUT TO BE AND ASK SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO USE IT SO WE'RE NOT WILLY-NILLY PUTTING SEVEN

PEOPLE'S SIGNATURES. WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO SOME SORT OF PROCESS WHERE

WE HAVE YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON FILE? ANY TIME WE USE THEM I

THINK THERE HAS TO BE A SPECIFIC EMAIL TO YOU ASKING FOR APPROVAL SO

WE'RE NOT WILLY-NILLY DOING THAT. I JUST THINK -- AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE CASES WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE DONE QUICK, I'M HAPPY TO DO IT. BUT

THINGS LIKE THIS WHERE YOU SEE SEVEN SIGNATURES, IT JUST LOOKS MORE

POWERFUL.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO TO HELP.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO A FIRST

DRAFT OF THE LETTER.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: I'LL JUST SEND IT TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: AND I'LL WORK WITH SHIRLEY AND WE'LL GET IT OUT. IS THAT OKAY WITH EVERYONE?

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: ARE YOU GOING TO COVER HOUSE BILL 255?

>>>: I CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. I DIDN'T PLAN TO. WHAT THAT WAS WAS TO CHANGE THE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY LEVELS AND THAT WAS TO BASICALLY TAKE THEM DOWN TO FEDERAL MINIMUM STANDARD AND TO ELIMINATE THE WORKERS MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM AS WELL. THAT BILL SIMPLY WAS INTRODUCED BY THE SPONSOR THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO EXPANDING MEDICAID.

HE JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE THAT JUST TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT IT.

IT HAD ONE HEARING. THE HEARING WAS JUST IN PROCESS BECAUSE THEY HAD

A LOT OF OTHER MEDICAID BILLS THAT DAY.

COMMISSIONER REES: I WOULD LIKE TO KIND OF GO BACK TO SOMETHING AND ANEESA HAD MENTIONED ABOUT TOLEDO LOSING THE SPEECH AND HEARING PROGRAM. REPRESENTATIVE SEARS IS VERY ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY, I BELIEVE SHE'S A NURSE. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE TO YOU REACH OUT TO HER AND WORK WITH HER ON DEVELOPING A LOCATION FOR THAT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. SHE'S BEEN REALLY ENGAGED IN THAT LEVEL OF WORK AND I THINK SHE MIGHT BE A REALLY GOOD PARTNER FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: GO AHEAD AND PROCEED. I AM GOING

TO CAUTION EVERYONE, IT'S ALREADY AFTER 2:00.

>>>: I'LL TRY NOT TO INDULGE YOU TOO MUCH. I DO HAVE MORE ITEMS TO BRING UP. HOUSE BILL 434 WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEEK BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES. I DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD RATHER SUPPORT IT. IT ADDS ANOTHER COUNCIL WITHIN OOD AND IT'S CALLED THE DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS TO TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL AND ALSO IN THIS IT CREATES A TREASURY FUND. SO BASICALLY IT REQUIRES OOD TO SOLICIT

DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE BUSINESS, PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL, TO FUND

THAT. AND WE'RE CHECKING WITH LEGAL COUNCIL TO SEE IF THAT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL CODE OF REGULATIONS. JUST HAVING ANOTHER

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS KIND OF REDUNDANT

TO THE COUNCIL THAT'S HERE AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY, AS WELL.

WE DIDN'T SEE ANY DRAFTS OF THIS BILL BEFORE IT BEING INTRODUCED.

DIRECTOR MILLER, I AND JOHN HACKATHORN MET WITH HIM IN JANUARY BECAUSE

HE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING WITH THE BLIND POPULATION, SO WE TOLD HIM WHAT WE WERE DOING AND HE MENTIONED HE WANTED TO DRAFT A BILL. HE HAS A LOT OF ABSTRACT THOUGHTS. SO WE WERE KIND OF NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT HE WANTED OUT OF IT. AND I HAD TOLD HIM I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO, BUT PLEASE SEND US A DRAFT BEFORE YOU INTRODUCE ANYTHING. WE DID SEE A DRAFT AND IT WAS INTRODUCED. SO THAT'S WHERE THIS BILL CAME FROM. THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL DOES, AS A COUNCIL REQUIRES PEOPLE WITH THE BLIND COMMUNITY, TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY, HIGHER EDUCATION. THAT WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEEK. I WOULDN'T EXPECT A LOT OF ATTRACTION ON THIS EXCEPT REPRESENTATIVE BARNES IS CLOSE WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH COMMUNITY SO IT MAY GET SOME SUPPORT THERE. IT PROBABLY WOULD GET REFERRED TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: HE IS FROM CLEVELAND?

>>>: YES.

COMMISSIONER DILLINGHAM: AND HE DIDN'T TALK TO YOU, JACK.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS WHOLE DISTRICT AND HIS COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO THIS QUESTION.

>>>: MR. MILLER: I THINK REPRESENTATIVE BARNES IS JUST -- YOU  
COULDN'T FIND A KINDLIER SOLE AND HE HAS A VERY STRONG WILL OF  
ADVOCACY. I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS WE WERE TRYING TO TALK TO HIM  
ABOUT, THOUGH, WE WERE TRYING TO -- LIKE, HE WAS TRYING TO TALK  
ABOUT  
HOW WE COULD HAVE TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES HIRE PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES  
THROUGH DONATIONS, AND I THINK IT WAS LOST UPON HIM THAT THAT WAS  
ACTUALLY STRUCK DOWN BY RSA PREVIOUSLY WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT --  
REMEMBER

WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT RSA -- I WANT TO SAY IT WAS MAYBE TEN YEARS AGO,

THE EARLY AUDIT, WHERE THEY SAID, YEAH, YOU CAN'T DO IT TAKE WAY WHERE

YOU ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND THEN HIRE PEOPLE FOR BUYING EQUIPMENT

AND SUCH. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE TRYING TO UTILIZE MORE TECHNOLOGY AND STUFF. SO I THINK HIS INTENTIONS ARE REALLY GOOD, BUT

I THINK WE LOST CONVERSATION ON HOW THIS APPLIES AND HOW WE CAN USE

THE FEDERAL DOLLARS. I JUST WANTED TO -- I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE REPRESENTATIVE BARNES WAS NOT AMENABLE. HE CERTAINLY WAS. I THINK HE WANTED TO TRY TO HELP. AS STEVEN SAID, WE

SAID, WELL, LET US TAKE A LOOK.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: IS THIS ONE WHERE YOU MONITOR AND

LET US KNOW IF IT'S STARTING TO GET LEGS?

>>>: YEAH. HI TALKED TO AARON CROOKS IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

AND HE THOUGHT -- HE SAID PROBABLY JUST TO ENGAGE HIM TO LET HIM KNOW

THAT THAT PORTION OF IT WAS SHUT DOWN, NOT TO TELL HIM WE'RE OPPOSED

UP FRONT, BUT JUST TO LET HIM KNOW THAT'S NOT IN COMPLIANCE.

>>>: MR. MILLER: I WILL SAY HE ALSO IS VERY -- A PROPONENT OF US BEING FULLY FUNDED. I THINK THIS WAS A DISCUSSION IN THAT REALM.

>>>: ONE BILL THAT HASN'T BEEN INTRODUCED YET BUT I KNOW THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IS WORKING ON IT TO REVISE THEIR APPOINTMENT PROCESS WHICH WOULD HAVE SOMEONE ON THEIR COUNCIL SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. THAT'S SOMETHING WE DON'T OPPOSE. AND ALSO IN THAT THE BILL THEY WANTED TO INCLUDE DETAIL ON STAFFING LEVELS AND OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS AND WE HAD -- WE TALKED TO SENATOR BACON WHO IS GOING TO BE THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL AND TOLD

HIM TO REVISE THAT LANGUAGE AND TO BASICALLY SAY A MEETING LOCATION ON

THERE BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE HE HAD WRITTEN WAS VERY VAGUE AND IT COULD

BE INTERPRETED SUCH AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEVEL 6 COULD BE EITHER STAFF

PERSON OR THEY COULD HAVE WHATEVER THE COST WOULD BE. SO WE HAD THAT

PORTION AMENDED WHICH IT HASN'T BEEN DRAFTED YET -- OR IT HASN'T BEEN

INTRODUCED YET. THE STATE OF THE STATE IS MONDAY, LIKE THE DIRECTOR

SAID. WE HAD SENT INVITATIONS TO 30 TO 35 LEGISLATORS FROM MEDINA AND

THE CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES AS WELL AND SOME OTHER MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

OF THE LEGISLATURE WERE INVITED, AS WELL. WE'VE HAD A HANDFUL RSVP.

WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY THE DATE THAT THE M B R WILL BE INTRODUCED, BUT

WE ARE STILL WAITING ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: AND I WOULD ASK THAT IF THE GOVERNOR SAYS ANYTHING IN THE STATE OF STATE ABOUT US OR THE MOMENT

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SHARE ANYTHING ABOUT THE MBR IF YOU COULD SHOOT

EMAILS OUT TO ALL OF US, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ANY OTHER CONVERSATION TODAY?

COMMISSIONER REES: THIS IS PROBABLY NOT -- WELL, IT MIGHT BE

APPROPRIATE. WILL WE BE DOING ANY KIND OF POSITIVE MEDIA AROUND ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE POSITIVE THAT COMES OUT OF THE STATE OF THE STATE OR THE MBR?

>>>: MR. MILLER: YES. THAT'S A PERFECT SEGUE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE KEVIN OLDS BURY WHO IS OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF. KEVIN HAS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WITH A VERY EMPHASIS OF POSITIVE PRESS. I INVITED BUDGET CHAIRMAN KEEN TO OUR EVENTS AND HE MAY COME. THAT'S ALWAYS GOOD WHEN YOU HAVE THE MONEY GUY COMING. WE'RE DOING A SERIES

OF WHERE WE'RE GOING TO EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES AND KEVIN IS WORKING

WITH DODD'S COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF AND STEPHEN'S COUNTERPART THERE,

HAVING MEDIA COME THERE, THE PLAIN DEALER. ABSOLUTELY, KEVIN IS WORKING ON A WHOLE STRATEGY FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER REES: THE ENTIRE PRESS WILL LIKELY BE THERE THAT

DAY?

>>>: PART OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FOCUS ON IS MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S AWARE OF IT, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT LIKELY THE GOVERNOR AND

HIS SPEECH AND HIS ACTIVITIES WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE FRONT PAGE FOR THAT DAY. SO WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME FOLLOW-UPS OF THE A THE EVENT TO

SEE IF SOME PAPERS WANT TO PICK ON WHAT HAPPENED, THEY MIGHT NOT COVER

IT LIVE, BUT THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN STORIES IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING

IT WHEN THE SPOTLIGHT HAS SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF.

WE'RE WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, WORKING WITH THE MEDINA

OFFICE. WE HAVE A LOT OF FEELERS OUT ALREADY.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: WELCOME ABOARD.

>>>: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I KNOW DIRECTOR MILLER SHARED WITH

COMMISSIONER LICATE AND I THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD ON ALL THE SOCIAL

MEDIA STUFF, TOO, WHICH MOSTLY JUST SCARES ME. I THINK THAT'S GREAT.

AS YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES YOU'RE NOT ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PLAIN DEALER BUT YOU'VE GOT A U TUBE VIDEO THAT EVERYBODY IS LOOKING AT.

WE'RE JUST HAPPY TO HAVE YOU. WELCOME. IF ANY OF US CAN BE HELPFUL

TO YOU, I THINK EVERYBODY STANDS READY TO DO SO.

>>>: THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS OR

QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT IT. I WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT COVERS THE MEDIA ENVIRONMENT AS IT EXISTS TODAY, THAT INCLUDES A LOT OF DIGITAL AND A LOT OF CONTROLLING YOUR OWN MESSAGE AND TELLING YOUR OWN STORY. OBVIOUSLY, THE TRADITIONAL PRESS STILL EXISTS, BUT THERE'S A WHOLE HOST OF TOOLS WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON SOMEBODY ELSE TO TELL YOUR STORY AND YOU CAN TELL YOUR OWN STORY AND DEVIL A BRAND AND A MESSAGE. WE'LL BE WORKING ON OUR PLAN TO START THAT PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THAT'S GREAT. THANK YOU. ARE YOU DONE.

>>>: THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT WAS A GOOD DISCUSSION. WE'LL WORK WITH YOU ON THE TWO ISSUES ON FOLLOW-UP. BUSINESS RELATIONS REPORT. JOHN.

>>>: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRMAN. IN THE I HAVE DIFFERENCE TO THE TIME, I WILL TRY NOT TO DUPLICATE SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT I SPOKE ABOUT AT THE PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING. HOWEVER, WHAT'S BEING PASSED AROUND INCLUDES HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT PLUS THE SCORE CARD FOR THE BUSINESS RELATIONS ROLLOUT AS WELL. SO ANYTHING THAT I DON'T

COVER

THAT YOU SEE YOU WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON LATER I'D BE HAPPY TO

DO LATER. THE TWO HIGHLIGHTS THAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IN THIS REPORT

THAT IS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS PAGE IS THE -- OUR AFFILIATION WITH THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK AND ALSO THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE. THE OHIO

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK IS A AN OFFSPRING OF THE UNITED STATES BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK WHICH WAS STARTED BY THE UNITED STATES

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WHAT THE UNITED STATES BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

NETWORK IS AND ITS AFFILIATES IS A PEER SUPPORT GROUP OF BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SPECIFIC INITIATIVES FOR HIRING AND RETAINING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. AND THE OHIO BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK IS A STATEWIDE NETWORK WITH MEMBERS IN ALL CORNERS OF THE STATE THAT COVER

MANY INDUSTRY CATEGORIES. THE B LN ROSTER IS 38 MEMBERS. THAT IS UP

FROM THE HIGH 20S BACK IN LAST MAY WHEN WE STARTED CHARTING THAT WITH

GREATER FREQUENCY. RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE BUSINESS BLEED LEADERSHIP

NETWORK INCLUDE FEDERAL EXPRESS, OHIO UNIVERSITY, MOLINA HEALTH CARE

AND MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE. WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THE BUSINESSES RECENTLY

JOIN AND BRING THEIR EXPERTISE TO THIS NETWORK. THE OHIO B LN WAS JUST RECENTLY NAMED AS AFFILIATE OF THE MONTH OF THE UNITED STATES BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK. THEY ALSO RECENTLY HAD THEIR RETREAT

HERE AT OOD, AND AT THAT RETREAT ONE OF THEIR MAIN INITIATIVE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR IS GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THEIR MEMBERS TO HELP THEM

NAVIGATE THROUGH 503 COMPLIANCE FOR THE FEDERAL CONTRACTORS. A GREAT

MANY OF THEM ARE FEDERAL CONTRACTORS. SO THAT IS THEIR MAIN FOCUS, AS

WELL AS THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE, WHICH WE'LL GET INTO

LATER. RECENTLY WITH THIS -- WITH THE OHIO BUSINESS LEADERSHIP NETWORK, OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITY COLLABORATED WITH

THEM ON A PRESENTATION TO OVER 30 FEDERAL CONTRACTORS THROUGH ANOTHER

BUSINESS ADVOCACY OR SUPPORT GROUP CALLED THE INDUSTRY LIAISON GROUP,

AND WE ALSO LAST WEEK PARTICIPATED IN FIVE EMPLOYER VISITS TO B LN MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE AS WELL. SO

THAT WAS A VERY GOOD COLLABORATION THAT RESULTED IN MORE PARTICIPATION

IN THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE AND WE GOT SOME MORE FOLKS

TO JOIN THE B LN, SPECIFICALLY FEDERAL EXPRESS. SO THOSE ARE REALLY

GOOD PARTNERSHIPS FOR US TO HAVE. THIS DOVETAILS NICELY INTO THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I DID COVER IN THE FIRST MEETING AND SPOKE ABOUT BEFORE, BUT THE CENTRAL

OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE IS A VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE FOR US FOR A

NUMBER OF WAYS. IT REPRESENTS A PARTNERSHIP OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE FUNDS.

THIS IS FUNDED BY A PRIVATE FOUNDATION AND REACHED OUT TO OOD THROUGH

THE B LN TO WORK FOR FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OOD CONSUMERS AND ALSO

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES, TOO. THEY ARE NOT OUR CLIENTS

THAT'S THE B LN THAT'S GOING TO TAKE ELEMENT OF IT. BUT WE HAVE A GOAL TO PLACE IN THE FIRST YEAR 70OOD CONSUMERS BY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2014

AND THEN WE'LL HAVE -- THEN WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO PLACE 130 THE NEXT

REPORTING YEAR. SO OOD HAS A GOAL OF PLACING OVER 200 CONSUMERS WITH

THESE COMPANIES. CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE EMPLOYERS INCLUDE

BATTELLE, CARDINAL HEALTH, COLUMBUS, DSW, GIANT EAGLE, K MARCH  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER, OHIO HEALTH, SEARS HOLDING AND UPS, JUST TO  
NAME

A FEW. THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE THAT WE'RE WORKING ON TO SECURE  
THEIR

PARTICIPATION THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO PUBLISH AT THIS POINT. BUT WITH  
THE SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY FOUNDATION, THE DOLLARS THAT WE'RE  
RECEIVING

WE ARE UTILIZING THOSE DOLLARS FOR THE CASE SERVICES THAT ARE  
NEEDED

FOR THESE PLACEMENTS AND ALSO TO SUBSIDIZE COUNSELORS AND THE  
SUPERVISORY WORK TO GOES TO SUPPORT IT AS WELL. TO REEMPHASIZE  
WHAT

COMMISSIONER LICATE SAID IN THE EARLIER MEETING, THESE TYPES OF  
AFFILIATIONS CAN BE A VERY, VERY GOOD RESOURCE FOR US IN THE  
FUTURE.

SO WE WILL LOOK TO EXPLORE OTHERS AND HOPEFULLY BENEFIT FROM  
THOSE

OPPORTUNITIES. WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO WORK FORCE INITIATIVE, LIKE I  
SAID, OUR GOAL IS 70 PLACEMENTS BY 11-1-14. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT AND  
CURRENTLY 17000 CONSUMERS HAVE BEEN PLACED, AND THAT IS OVER 20  
PERCENT OF OUR GOAL, AND THAT'S WITHIN THE FIRST QUARTER. SO WE'RE  
VERY, VERY HAPPY TO DO THAT. IN FACT, WE HAVE A CALL WITH THE  
FOUNDATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS AND I'M VERY EXCITED TO REPORT  
THOSE

NUMBERS TO THEM. OUR NEXT STEP IS WE KNOW WE HAVE PLACEMENTS.  
NOW WE

HAVE TO DIG DOWN TO WORK WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN

PLACED,

WORK WITH THE EMPLOYERS TO GET THE SUPPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE

OR GIVEN TO US TO SUPPORT THEM IN THOSE POSITIONS, AS WELL. SO THAT'S

OUR NEXT STEP. AND OF COURSE ONCE WE GET THE COUNSELORS ON BOARD AND

THE OTHER SUPPORTS THAT WE ARE BILLING, SPECIFICALLY THE EMPLOYER

MODULE WHICH WILL MATCH QUALIFIED OOD CONSUMERS TO THE JOBS IN A MUCH

QUICKER, EFFICIENT MANNER, THOSE ENHANCEMENTS, THOSE SYSTEM

IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE UTILIZED AND ENHANCE THIS INITIATIVE. SO THOSE

ARE TWO PARTS THAT I FELT NEEDED TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AND TALKED ABOUT.

IT DEMONSTRATES OUR OUTREACH TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HOW WE ARE

BENEFITING FROM THAT AND SEEING SUCH GOOD RESULTS AND IN A RELATIVELY

QUICK AMOUNT OF TIME AND HOW IT'S COMPELLING US AS AN AGENCY TO BE

BETTER FROM A SYSTEM STANDPOINT, EFFICIENCY STANDPOINT THAT WE ARE

FINDING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CONSUMERS AND MATCHING THEM UP WITH

OPPORTUNITIES THAT FITS THEIR SKILL SET AND IDENTIFYING THE SUPPORTS

THAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: MADAM CHAIR. BY THE ABSENCE OF ANY

NOTATION OF CRP'S, I ASSUME YOU DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH THEM?

>>>: NO. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SUPPORTS THAT ARE NEEDED, AND SPECIFICALLY CASE SERVICE SUPPORTS, THE CR P'S WILL BE AN

ESSENTIAL --

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT MENTIONED SO

THAT THE FIELD KNOWS THEY'RE NOT BEING IGNORED.

COMMISSIONER LICATE: I HAD A COMMENT. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE, THIS IS A BIG DEAL ITEM FOR

US AND SO COMMISSIONER JERMANE BROWN IS TAKING THE LEAD FOR US IN THIS

AREA AND WILL WORK WITH JOHN CLOSELY THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE

WHOLE PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT, COMMISSIONER. I HAVE A QUESTION. THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF EMPLOYERS. THERE ARE OTHERS INVOLVED. IF YOU WENT TO LAST YEAR BEFORE IT WAS START AND LOOKED AT HOW MANY PLACEMENTS WE HAD MADE WITH

THIS LIST OF EMPLOYERS, HOW MANY WERE WE PLACING BEFORE THE INITIATIVE?

>>>: THAT'S PROBABLY A COMPARATIVE AMOUNT RIGHT NOW.

>>>: IS 70 A VALUE ADD OR ARE WE JUST REPACKAGING?

>>>: SOME OF THESE EMPLOYERS WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY PLACEMENTS WITH YET. THEY'VE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. AND WITH THE ENHANCEMENTS

THAT WE ARE BUILDING AND THE PLAN IS TO HAVE THESE IN PLACE NEXT MONTH, THAT WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THEM SPECIFICALLY AND DIRECTLY ON THEIR AVAILABLE JOBS AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I GUESS I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT WAS

THE BASELINE THAT THEN HAD YOU GO TO 70?

>>>: THE BASELINE WAS ESTABLISHED -- WE CAN LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE BASELINE. THE 70 WAS THE BASELINE GIVEN TO US BY THE FOUNDATION.

THAT WAS THE GOAL GIVEN TO US BY THEM.

>>>:

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: SO IT WASN'T 70 ON TOP OF WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE WITH BATTELLE?

>>>: NO, THESE ARE 70 NEW PLACEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: IF YOU HAD LOOKED LAST YEAR, WOULD

WE HAVE ALREADY PUT 70 PEOPLE WITH THESE, SO THE GOAL SHOULD BE 140,

OR IF YOU GO BACK AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLACEMENTS WITH CARDINAL, BATTELLE? I'M JUST GETTING AT WHAT WAS THE BASELINE SO THAT THESE EMPLOYERS ARE DOING MORE, VERSUS NOW WE HAVE A FOUNDATION

INVOLVED BUT

WE'RE STILL GETTING THE SAME NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS? DO YOU SEE WHAT

I'M SAYING? I'M NOT TRYING TO BE NEGATIVE. I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS THE TRUE BASELINE.

>>>: MR. MILLER: THE POINT IS I THINK THESE BUSINESSES DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLACEMENTS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: REMEMBER, BECAUSE I REMEMBER WHEN

WE HAD JOB FAIRS, BATTELLE, CARDINAL, THOSE PEOPLE HAD BOOTHS. OHIO

HEALTH.

>>>: MR. MILLER: I'M SAYING SOME OF THOSE. SOME OF THOSE DID. BUT THERE ARE SOME THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY PLACEMENT RURAL THIS INITIATIVE HAS GIVEN US AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH THEM WITH DEMONSTRATING WHAT WE CAN BRING FORWARD SPECIFICALLY WITH THIS INITIATIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY PLACEMENTS WITH CARDINAL. I JUST LOOKED AT THE DATA AT LEAST FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. AND THE SAME WITH BATTELLE, AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: CARDINAL WAS THE LEAD EMPLOYER FOR THE B

LN BUT THEY DIDN'T EMPLOY ANYONE.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THAT'S INTERESTING. THEY ALWAYS

WOULD HAVE A BOOTH.

>>>: MANY MEMBERS OF THE BLN, SIMILAR POSITION, PROCTOR AND GAMBLE, BUT WHAT THIS DOES IS IT PUTS US IN A POSITION WHERE WE ARE BILLING OURSELVES UP TO OFFER MORE TO EMPLOYERS SO WE FEEL BETTER EQUIPPED TO APPROACH THEM TO SAY WE CAN DO THIS FOR YOU AND TO HELP WITH THOSE SOURCING NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. I DIDN'T UNDER THAT THEY WEREN'T DOING THAT. I ALSO HAVE TO SAY I LOVE LISTENING TO YOU TALK ABOUT US ALL TRYING TO WORK MORE AT THE SPEED OF BUSINESS. I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL.

>>>: MR. MILLER: I THINK WHAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT IN NOT JUST THIS INITIATIVE BUT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH THE BUSINESS SOURCING ANALYSTS IS THE TYPE OF WORK IS BEING ENHANCED. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST WAREHOUSE JOBS. YOU'RE SEEING MORE IN THESE BUSINESSES, CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DOING MORE -- IF YOU HAVE SOME INDIVIDUAL WHO HAVE DEGREES AND SO FORTH AND WE'RE GETTING THEM INTO ACCOUNTING, WE'RE GETTING THEM INTO HIGHER POSITIONS OF HOURLY WAGE. I THINK WHEN JOHN

IS TALKING ABOUT POSITIONING FOR A BETTER OPPORTUNITY, WE'RE GETTING

OUR FOOT IN THE DOOR TO TALK ABOUT THIS MORE FROM THE WAREHOUSE

STANDPOINT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THIS ENDOWMENT WANTS US TO DO, BUT IT

ALLOWS US TO START TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER POSITIONS THAT THEY HAVE

THAT WE CAN SOURCE TO AND THEY'VE BEEN OPEN TO.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: SO YOU'RE TRYING TO BUILD THE RELATIONSHIPS.

>>>: YES.

COMMISSIONER REES: WHILE I THINK THIS IS ALL FANTASTIC, ARE WE TRACKING WHO WE'VE SENT TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES FOR INTERVIEWS AND WHAT

THE OUTCOMES OF THOSE ARE?

>>>: YES.

>>>: THAT IS SOMETHING -- COMING BACK TO THESE ENHANCEMENTS THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN, THAT GIVES US THE ABILITY TO TRACK THAT INFORMATION EXACTLY. WHAT WE CAN DO NOW IS TO TRACK THE OUTCOMES OF

THESE PLACEMENTS THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS PARTICULAR INITIATIVE.

COMMISSIONER REES: FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAD 20 PEOPLE APPLY FOR

A JOB AT CARDINAL HEALTH YOU WOULD KNOW THAT AND YOU WOULD KNOW THAT

MAYBE ONE GOT THE JOB, WHICH IS FINE.

>>>: YES.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: I DO HAVE A QUESTION. YOU TALKED ABOUT

SUPPORTS FOR CRP'S, POSSIBLY GIVING SUPPORTS ONCE PEOPLE ARE PLACED.

AT WHAT POINT DO WE -- I GUESS RETENTION IS WHAT I'M ASKING. HOW MUCH

MONEY DO WE SPEND ON THAT? ARE WE JUST BASICALLY ONCE THEY'RE PLACED

WE'RE DONE, WE COUNT THEM AS AN OUTCOME? >>>: MR. MILLER:  
BASICALLY, ONCE THEY'RE IN EMPLOYED STATUS

FOR 90 DAYS -- I'M SPEAKING PERSONALLY -- THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS

THAT IS A SHORT COMING OF THE FEDERAL CODE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE PEOPLE

THAT ARE IN AN EMPLOYED STATUS FOR MUCH LONGER, THE CODE SAYS IF

THEY'RE EMPLOYED FOR 90 DAYS SHOE CLOSE THEM. NOW, WHERE WE GET INTO

HOPEFULLY ELIMINATING THE WAIT LIST WE CAN START GETTING INTO THE

CONVERSATION OF JOB SAVES. BECAUSE WHERE WE WERE KIND OF BACKWARDS

WAS WE WERE NOT DOING OUR ORDER OF SELECTION CORRECT CORRECTLY SO WE

WERE DOING SOME JOB SAVES BUT WE HAD SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE MOST

SIGNIFICANTLY DISABLED NOT BEING SERVED. NOW THAT WE'RE DRAWING THAT

DOWN WE'RE GETTING INTO WHERE WE'RE ACTUALLY SEEING PEOPLE WHO ARE AT

THAT ENTRY LEVEL ON THE WAITING LIST THAT WE FEEL CONFIDENT WE'RE

GOING TO BE ABLE TO DIP DOWN INTO PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS. WHICH IS WHERE YOUR GOING TO GET YOUR MORE SUPPORTS WHILE THEY'RE EMPLOYED SO THEY DON'T LOSE THEIR JOB.

COMMISSIONER REES: DIRECTOR MILLER, AM I HEARING YOU SAY THAT

THE WAY THE STATUTE'S WRITTEN THERE IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO

TRACK LEGALLY BEYOND THE 90 DAYS?

>>>: YEAH. I MEAN, ONCE YOU CLOSE THE CASE, THERE'S REALLY NOT AN ABILITY -- AND I'LL DEFER TO RAIVO WHO KNOWS THOSE STATISTICAL INS AND OUTS, BUT ONCE YOU CLOSE THE CASE THERE'S REALLY NOT A WAY FOR

US. THERE MIGHT BE SOME WAY THAT YOU COULD BUILD SOMETHING OR TRY TO

TRACK SOMETHING THROUGH SOME OUTSIDE ENTITY, BUT CORRECT ME IF I'M

WRONG, RAIVO. PERSONALLY I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WHERE YOU

CAPITAL TRACK. THE ONLY OTHER WAY YOU CAN DO THAT IS IF SOMEWHERE DOWN THE ROAD THE SAME INDIVIDUAL COMES BACK.

COMMISSIONER REES: I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WHERE THEY COULD VOLUNTEER -- I'LL TELL YOU WHY, BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS VERY INTERESTED IN OUTCOMES ANYMORE. THE MORE DATA YOU HAVE THE BETTER. THIS MIGHT BE JUST A PRIME OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OR EVEN PARTNER WITH A RESEARCH FACILITY

TO TRACK A GROUP FOR SO LONG AND SEE WHAT THE PROGRESS IS,  
BECAUSE

THEN YOU CAN REALLY DRAW A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

>>>: MR. MILLER: THIS IS ALSO THE WHEEL OF AUTHORIZATION AND  
THE IDEA DOES VR SHIFT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. THAT WOULD BE  
A

WHOLE THING WHERE THEY WOULD TRACK EVERYTHING FOR THE LIFE OF  
THE

INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE THEN YOU'RE NOTING A INTO THE RESTRICTIVE REALM.

IT'S MUCH BIGGER AND I DON'T SEE THAT MOVING ANYWHERE IN THE NEAR

FUTURE. THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE THINGS. ERIK WILLIAMSON AND I HAVE

DISCUSSED HOW WE COULD DO SOMEWHAT WE CALL PROJECTS --

>>>: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

>>>: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE  
TO

TRACK PEOPLE WHO ARE WALKING IN THE DOOR TO FILE FOR DISABILITY AND

ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO TALK TO THEM TO SAY, HAVE YOU TALKED TO A VR

COUNSELOR. RIGHT NOW WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT.  
WE

CAN'T EVEN SHARE THE INFORMATION. SO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS  
TRY

TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA TO SAY CAN WE DO THIS AS A DEMONSTRATION

PROJECT BECAUSE THEY'RE SO PROTECTIVE OF THE INFORMATION THEY  
DON'T

EVEN SHARE IT WITH US, EVEN IF SOMEONE SAID, YEAH, I'D LIKE TO WORK,

YOU'D HAVE TO GET SOMEONE WHO IS A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE AT THE LOCAL

OFFICE TO SAY HERE'S THE NUMBER TO THE VR AND YOU HAVE TO CALL THEM.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I'M GOING TO MOVE US BACK. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR JOHN.

>>>: THIS IS JENNIFER WITH THE COLUMBUS SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER. I GOT ON A LITTLE LATE. I'M JUST QUESTIONING IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT WHO SOME OF THESE -- HOW WE CONDITION ALSO TAP INTO SOME OF THESE LEADS? IS THERE GOING TO BE A WAY THAT WE CAN FIND OUT WHO -- OR WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO GET SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH EMPLOYED?

>>>: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. HI, JENNIFER. I REMEMBER MEETING YOU VERY EARLY ON IN MY TENURE. WHAT WE'RE DEVELOPING ALSO, EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF SUPPORTS AND ENHANCEMENTS IS ALL PART OF A LARGE POLICY AND PROCEDURE THAT WE'RE CRAFTING THAT IS ABOUT PLACEMENT, IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND HOPEFULLY WHAT WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. PART OF THAT IS A LARGE COMMUNICATION STEP THAT WITH THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IS THE NEXT STEP OF COMMUNICATING THAT IS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE -- WE HAVE WHAT'S CALLED A LEAN PROCESS WHERE YOU EXAMINE WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO AND

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY WAS PART OF IT. COMMUNICATION OF THESE

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDERS IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS. WE KNOW THAT.

SO IT'S ABOUT DEVELOPING THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO DO THAT. SO WE ARE

GOING TO BE REVISITING THAT PROCESS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND

OBVIOUSLY THIS WILL COME UP. ANOTHER KEY TO SUCCESS OF THIS, AS WELL.

THIS IS QUICKER COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNSELOR AND ALSO SETTING UP A

PROTOCOL FOR THE COUNSELOR TO BE COMMUNICATING THIS TO THE PROVIDER PARTNER ON A SPECIFIC -- FOR A SPECIFIC CASE THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED

THIS SPECIFIC CONSUMER HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB AND LET'S

GET THIS PERSON UP TO SPEED, AS WELL. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE

EFFICIENT OUTCOMES AND SPEED EAR COMMUNICATION IN TWO WAYS TO OUR

PROVIDER COMMUNITY PARTNERS. COMMUNICATION OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITY,

BUT ALSO WE'VE IDENTIFIED A CONSUMER WHO IS QUALIFIED, LET'S WORK ON

GETTING THIS PARTICULAR PERSON READY TO APPLY AND INTERVIEW FOR THIS

JOB.

COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO KEEP US

MOVING. GOOD QUESTION. THANK YOU. SO NEXT ON OUR AGENDA IS

DDD Report

Deputy Director Erik Williamson reported after a hiring freeze since November 2010, DDD was awarded 105 hires for the year. YEAR WE DID 20,000 OF THOSE. WE'LL DO 26 THOUSAND OF

THOSE THIS YEAR. WE EXPECT THAT TO BE ABOUT 40,000 NEXT YEAR. IF

THERE'S GOOD NEWS IN THAT AS FAR AS CASE PROCESSING WE GOT ADDITIONAL

RESOURCES TO DO THAT BUT ALSO WE'RE FINDING OUR RECEIPTS OR INTAKE OF

PEOPLE FILING NEW CLAIMS HAS DROPPED. WE SAW A SMALL DROP LAST YEAR

AND WE'RE CEILING A LARGER DROP THIS YEAR. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO ATTRIBUTE THAT TO BETTER EMPLOYMENT OR MEDICAID EXPANSION. SOME PEOPLE CAME TO OUR DOOR ONLY LOOKING FOR THE MEDICAL BENEFITS. WE ON'T HAVE ANY DATA TO TELL WHY BUT WE KNOW WE'RE ABOUT 10 PERCENT

DOWN OVER WHAT WE WERE RECEIVING THIS TIME LAST YEAR. I SUSPECT THAT'S A GOOD TREND BUT IT'S ONE WE NEED TO MONITOR BECAUSE WE KNOW

THEY'LL FILL THAT VOID. IT'S THE ONE CASE LOAD THEY CAN CONTROL. ALL THE OTHERS ARE TEN PEOPLE SHOW UP ON ANY GIVEN DAY AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICE. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE RESOURCES. WE

ALWAYS GIVE A MEDICAID DISABILITY DETERMINATION UPDATE. THE DIRECTOR AND I ATTENDED THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CABINET MEETING THIS MORNING AND WHILE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S STILL A WAYS OFF, IT SOUND LIKE

WE'RE SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THEIR PHASED PLAN TO BRING THAT HERE. I

THINK WE BELIEVE WE'LL HAVE THAT BY 2017. I'M COMFORTABLE WITH THAT

BECAUSE IT ESTABLISHES A DATE WHEN WE'LL ACTUALLY GET IT. IT CONFIRMS

THAT WE WILL GET IT, AND IT ALSO GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A MEMO

OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SSA AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE.

SO WITH THAT IN MIND, THAT'S HOPEFUL AND SOUND LIKE A REASONABLE PLAN

FOR US. OUR PRODUCTIVITY REMAINS STRONG. I MENTIONED THAT OUR RECEIPTS ARE DOWN. WE'VE DONE ABOUT 68,000 DETERMINATIONS AND THAT'S

ABOUT THE SAME AS WE'VE TAKEN IN. SO WE'RE STAYING RIGHT WHERE WE NEED TO BE. AT THIS POINT WE DON'T HAVE A GOAL FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER

OF CASES THEY WANT US TO DO THIS YEAR. WE DID 213,000 IF '12 AND 206,000 IN '13. WE TAKEN THAT TO DROP OFF SLIGHTLY. FINALLY, I

WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT DEB IN OUR IT DEPARTMENT WAS SELECTED TO BE A

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT TO REPRESENT OUR REGION ON OUR DISABILITY CLAIMS

PROCESSING SYSTEM WHICH IS OUR NEW NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE SHE -- I THINK SHE'S A VERY TALENTED PERSON. I WAS PLEASED SHE WAS SELECTED. WE HAVE THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION WHO REPRESENTS US OR WHO I REPORT THROUGH AND

THEY THEN SEND INFORMATION THROUGH THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SSA WHO

SENDS INFORMATION TO LOCKHEED MARTIN WHO IS A NATIONAL CONTRACTOR.

LOCKHEED MARTIN WILL BRING SOMETHING BACK TO US AND SAY HERE'S WHAT

YOU ASKED FOR, WHAT DO YOU THINK. AND WE'LL SAY THAT ISN'T CLOSE TO WHAT WE ASKED FOR. AND THEY'LL SAY BUT NO, IT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS STATED HERE AND WE'VE PRODUCED THAT FOR YOU. AND SO OUR OBLIGATION IS

MET. AND SO EVERYONE THROUGH THAT REPORTING CHAIN HAS COME TO THE

CONCLUSION THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A MUCH MORE DIRECT LITERALLY WHERE

THE PROGRAMMER AT LOCKHEED MARTIN CAN CALL SOMEONE IN DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICE IN THE STATE AND SAY IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT. DEB

IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. THERE WILL BE TEN PEOPLE ACROSS

THE COUNTRY. WE'RE CONFIDENT TO HAVE HER REPRESENT US. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: OF THE 105, YOU SAID 31 WERE HIRED?

>>>: WE'LL MAKE OFFERS TO 31 THIS WEEK.

COMMISSIONER BROWN: ANY OF THEM HAVE DISABILITIES?

>>>: I BELIEVE THEY DO. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH SUSAN TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS. WE'VE SAYING WE HAVE 105 JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR OWN SHOPS. THERE'S GOOD PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITY. WE'RE HOPING TO GET MORE AND MORE. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF OUTREACH WITH VETERANS, AS WELL.

MR. MILLER: THAT'S THE FIRST THING WE DO, COMMISSIONER,  
IS WE LOOK AT RESOURCE THROUGH OUR OWN CASELOADS. WE SEND OUT  
TO DODD  
AND VETERANS. I KNOW THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A QUESTION BEFORE, BUT I  
THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO KNOW. WE KNOW  
THERE ARE  
EMPLOYEES WE HAVE WITH DISABILITIES THAT HAVEN'T SELF-REPORTED.  
BUT  
OF OUR WORK FORCE THE PRESIDENT SAID 7 PERCENT OF THE WORK  
FORCE, OURS  
JUST ON OF SELF REPORTING IS ALMOST 15. SO WE FEEL GOOD. WE'RE  
ABOVE  
AND BEYOND. WE KNOW IT'S HIGHER BUT THAT'S ONLY BASED ON THE FACT  
OF  
THOSE THAT HAVE SELF REPORTED. COMMISSIONER ROMER-SENSKY: I  
THINK WE ALL THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE A MODEL. ANY  
OTHER QUESTIONS FOR ERIK

#### BVR Report

Deputy Director Susan Pugh reported on the program performance on the Scorecard.  
ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE SCORE CARD, THE ONES THAT ARE WE  
ARE

REALLY FOCUSED ON RIGHT NOW IS OUR NUMBER OF EMPLOYMENT  
OUTCOMES. WE

ARE AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S PERFORMANCE THERE THAT WE'RE REALLY  
PLEASED

ABOUT. OUR SUCCESS RATE -- OUR REHAB RATE WHICH IS THE SECOND  
ITEM

HAS SEEN SOME MODEST IMPROVEMENTS BUT DEFINITELY NOT WHERE WE  
WANT TO

BE. THAT IS A HUMAN AREA OF FOCUS FOR US IN TERMS OF INCREASING

THAT

REHABILITATION RATE. AND THEN THE OTHER STANDARD THAT WE'RE REALLY

PAYING ATTENTION TO THAT WE'RE BEHIND TARGET IS RSA1.5 AND THAT HAS TO

DO WITH OUR WAGES. SOME OF THESE INITIATIVES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

IN TERMS OF INCREASING THE QUALITY OF OUR EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES, ANOTHER

KIND OF IMPORTANT FOCUS FOR US. ON THE SECOND PAGE, THE SECOND ITEM

THERE, CONTINUING TO WORK ON OUR NUMBER OF DAYS FROM APPLICATION TO

ELIGIBILITY. SO FAR THIS FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR WE'VE AVERAGED 58.9

DAYS. WE'VE GOTTEN DOWN TO ABOUT 56 DAYS AND WE'VE BEEN DOING SOME

CLEANUP WHICH HAS YOU SAID YOU WERE ON AVERAGE, BUT CONTINUING TO SEE

SOME GOOD PROGRESS WITH THE SPEED WITH WHICH WE'RE MAKING ELIGIBILITY

DETERMINATIONS. FURTHER DOWN THIS PAGE I MENTIONED EARLIER WE'VE HAD

TWO RECENT WITNESSING LIST RELEASES, BOTH OF 700. YESTERDAY WE HAD

914 INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES ON THE WAITING LIST AND

679 INDIVIDUALS IN THE THIRD CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES. SO CONTINUED PROGRESS THERE. WE'RE CONTINUING TO  
DO  
CASE CLEANUP EFFORTS THAT ARE MAKING ME HAVE GRAY HAIR TO MAKE  
SURE  
THAT WE'RE MAKING APPROPRIATE ROOM FOR THOSE FOLKS THAT WE'RE  
RELEASING OFF THE WAITING LIST AND OUR TIMETABLE IS MAY, KNOCK ON  
WOOD, TO GET THE INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RESOLVED.  
A COUPLE ITEMS ON THE NEXT PAGE, NOT SO MUCH METRICS, BUT I DID  
WANT  
TO BRIEF YOU ON THE EMPLOYMENT FIRST INITIATIVE THAT WE HAVE WITH  
THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT  
IS  
DESIGNED TO HELP US TRANSITION INDIVIDUALS OUT OF SEGREGATED  
WORK  
SETTINGS INTO COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT AND ALL OF THE POSITIONS THAT  
WE  
ARE GETTING FOR THEM AND IN GENERAL ARE AT MINIMUM WAGE OR  
BETTER. SO  
I'M PLEASED TO LET YOU KNOW OUR INPUTS ON TO THE CASE LOAD  
REFERRALS  
AREN'T QUITE WHAT WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE, THE OUTPUTS ON THE  
BACK  
AND OF THE CASE LOAD ARE, AND SO WE HAVE A THIRD DIRECTOR  
PLACEMENT  
FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS BEING SERVED OUT OF THIS PROGRAM ALREADY.  
SO WE  
WEREN'T ACTUALLY EXPECTING PLACEMENT UNTIL APRIL. SO WE'RE

ALREADY ON

A REALLY NICE CLIP TO GET PEOPLE EMPLOYED. SO THAT IS A REALLY NICE -- THAT PROGRAM IS GOING VERY WELL. IT'S A VERY HIGHLY FOCUSED ON RAPID ENGAGEMENT, PLACEMENT TRAINING AND WE'VE HAD A LOT OF WORK

WITH PROVIDERS WHERE WE'VE BEEN EXPANDING OUR PROVIDER POOL TO HELP

ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUPPORTS ARE THERE, THAT WILL HELP WITH THAT LONGEVITY OF THAT EMPLOYMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN RETAIN THAT

EMPLOYMENT OVER THE LONG TIME. AND WE'VE BEEN OFFERING LOTS OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH OUR INTERNAL STAFF WORKING ON THE PROJECT AND FOR OUR PROVIDERS. IN FACT, I THINK WE'VE HAD A THOUSAND

PEOPLE FROM THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY -- NO, THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. YES,

IT IS, ACTUALLY. 1,000 PEOPLE FROM THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY DO THE ONLINE TRAINING AND NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING REGIONAL TRAINING.

SO THOSE ARE INDIVIDUAL JOB DEVELOPERS AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. SO THE

TRAINING IS GOING WELL AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THAT.

SO THAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT FIRST INITIATIVE. THE OTHER AREA I WANTED TO BRIEF YOU ON IS SELF-EMPLOYMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN AREA OF IMPORTANT FOCUS FOR US. WE'VE HAD SOME PERIOD OF EXPANSION OF THAT AS

AN EMPLOYMENT GOAL THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REFOCUS TO MAKE

SURE

THAT WE ARE HELPING PEOPLE MOVE TOWARDS THEIR EMPLOYMENT  
OUTCOME IN AN

APPROPRIATE WAY THAT THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. SINCE PROBABLY  
YOUR LAST

MEETING WE HAVE, A, ROLLED OUT POLICY AND PROCEDURE THAT GIVES

COUNSELORS MORE GUIDANCE AND OUTLINES DECISION MAKING  
PARAMETERS THAT

HELP PEOPLE APPROPRIATELY EXPLORE THAT AS AN EMPLOYMENT GOAL.  
WE HAVE

DONE EXTENSIVE TRAINING FOR OUR STAFF ON THAT. THEY HAVE DONE A

THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL SELF-EMPLOYMENT PLANS TO MAKE SURE THAT  
THEY'RE

ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND WHERE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ON THE RIGHT TRACK  
TO

HELP MAKE A PATH FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL TO MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

AND WE ALSO HAVE RECENTLY STARTED A REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT HELPS  
MAKE

SURE THAT THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT PLANS THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING ARE  
HELPING

SET PEOPLE UP FOR SUCCESS. SO A LOT OF GOOD ACTIVITY THERE. WE'VE

BEEN WATCHING OUR SPENDING ON THOSE CASES THIS YEAR AND I THINK  
WE'RE

ACTUALLY EXPECTING TO SPEND ABOUT \$1 MILLION LESS IN THAT AREA THIS

YEAR JUST BECAUSE OF THE REFOCUSING THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING TO  
MAKE SURE

THAT -- WE'RE SETTING PEOPLE UP FOR SUCCESS AND NOT FAILURE AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THIS IS -- THERE'S A LOT OF RISK TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHEN YOU'RE GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE HELPING PEOPLE MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I THINK WE'RE PLEASED WITH OUR PROGRESS TO DATE WITH THAT. I DID HAVE ONE DOCUMENT THAT I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU. IT IS KIND OF A LOT TO DIGEST. BUT MAYBE AT THE NEXT MEETING WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT IN MORE DETAIL. BUT THIS IS OUR BENCHMARKING THAT WE'RE DOING FOR OURSELVES.

ALL THE DIFFERENT METRICS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR THE VR PROGRAM, THE NATIONAL BENCHMARKING THAT WE'RE DOING, KIND OF PRIME MINISTER PERFORMANCE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND THAT OUR TARGETS ARE FOR THIS YEAR. THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS ON HERE THAT ARE STILL LISTED AS TO BE DETERMINED BECAUSE UNTIL WE FINALIZE OUR CONTRACTS PROCESS, WE AREN'T SURE EXACTLY WHAT OUR CONTRACT PARTNERS ARE GOING TO BE HAVING FOR THE DELIVERABLES ON THEIR CONTRACTS. BY THE TIME WE MEET AGAIN THOSE NUMBERS WILL BE SOLIDIFIED AND WE CAN KIND OF DIVE INTO THAT A LITTLE MORE DEEPLY. BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO DIGEST A LITTLE BIT. I THOUGHT I'D PASS IT OUT AND NEXT TIME WE CAN

TALK MORE ABOUT THAT. JUST ONE FINAL THING. WE ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF A FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE. WE HAD PLANNED SOME KIND OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE FEE SCHEDULE. WE HAVE MOVED TO A FLAT FEE FOR REPORT WRITING. WE WERE DOING A LOT OF ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE ON BILLING THAT OUT HOURLY AND IT WAS A LOT OF ADMINISTRATIVE TIME GOING INTO THAT. SO WE TOOK A LOOK AT HOW LONG IT WAS TAKING PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THOSE REPORTS AND DEVELOPED A FLAT FEE THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG TIME SAVER FOR EVERYONE. THERE ALSO SIMILARLY IS A FLAT RATE THAT WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS FOR VOCATIONAL TESTING, THAT THE DATA WAS SHOWING THAT AS BEING VERY CONSISTENT, SO MOVING TOWARDS A MUCH MORE SIMPLIFIED BILLING PROCESS WITH VOCATIONAL TESTING. THE THIRD AREA HAS TO DO WITH TRANSITIONED YOUTH SERVICES, OUR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMING. WE'RE MOVING AS WE'RE SERVING MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE YOUNGER WE'RE MOVING INTO A TWO TIERED APPROACH WITH HOW WE DELIVER SERVICES FOR YOUTH. ONE IS GEARED TOWARDS A YOUNGER STUDENT AND ONE GEARED TOWARDS KIND OF BUILDING OFF OF THAT ACTIVITY A MORE WORK-FOCUSED PROJECT. WE ALSO ARE LOOKING AT KIND OF THE TIME THAT PEOPLE WERE IN THOSE PROGRAMS DURING THE SUMMER. THERE WERE PEOPLE

WHO COULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER BECAUSE OF VACATIONS, SO WE

SHORTENED THAT FOR A WEEK. THAT WILL BE ROLLING OUT THIS SUMMER.

THOSE CHANGES ARE SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 1ST. THAT'S IT,

UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: I DO HAVE A QUESTION. REFLECTING BACK

TO THE PROGRAM MEETING WHEN YOU PASSED AROUND THE CHART WITH THE GREAT

DISPARITY OF COSTS FOR SOME OF THE STATES VERSUS US. DOES THAT

TAKE -- YOU PROBABLY SAID THIS AND I WAS HALF ASLEEP. DOES IT TAKE

INTO CONSIDERATION THE CASE LOAD, THE MSD VERSUS SD AND WHAT HAVE YOU?

>>>: RAIVO: IF I COULD. WE WERE GOING TO EXPLAIN IT THE NEXT MEETING. I CAN IN FIVE MINUTES SUMMIT UP IF WE HAVE THE TIME. THAT CHART THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU WITH THE COST DEFINITIONS ON PAGE 1

DOES TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION COMBINED STATE VR AGENCIES ON AN ORDER OF

SELECTION AND THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR COST FOR REHAB OVERALL WAS LESS THAN 5500.

COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY: SAY IT LOUDER, PLEASE.

RAIVO: THE COST OF REHABILITATION NATIONALLY WAS LESS

THAN 5500. SO OHIO HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED THAT. IT TAKES INTO

CONSIDERATION THE FOCUS AREAS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR OUR COST PER SERVICES OVER ALL, YOU'RE LOOKING AT TWOFOLD. COST FOR EMPLOYMENT

OUTCOME IS THE FIRST MEASURE THAT RSA USUALLY COMPARES OHIO TO OTHER

STATES. THIS TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE LIKE CASE EXPENDITURES. SO

IF THE CASE OPENED UP SIX, SEVEN YEARS AGO AND FINALLY CLOSED SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR, OR IF ON AVERAGE 18 TO 28 MONTHS FROM THE --

ABOUT 28 MONTHS FOR MSD'S TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS, THIS IS A REFLECTION OF EXPENDITURES OVER THE LIFE OF THE CASE. BUT WE ARE ALSO

LOOKING AT MANAGING OUR COST EFFICIENCY EFFORTS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING

AT A SECOND MEASURE THAT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF BASELINING RIGHT NOW.

AND THAT'S THE ANNUAL COST PER CASE LOOKING AT THOSE CASE SERVICE EXPENDITURES, AS WELL. SO THIS WAY CAN HE CAN SEE HOW OUR BENEFITS

ANALYSIS AND PLACEMENTS EFFORTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE EMBARKING ON

INTERNALLY HAVING AN IMPACT TO SERVING MORE PEOPLE. ON THE BACK OF

THAT PAGE JUST SO EVERYONE IS UNDERRING WHAT RSA ALSO LOOKS AT, THIS

LEADS BACK TO THE LETTER THAT WE RECEIVED OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION RECEIVED BACK FROM RSA WHERE THEY SITED THAT OUR COST PER

OUTCOME WAS SIGNIFICANT ON THOSE THIRD-PARTY ARRANGEMENTS BACK IN

2012, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE SITE WHAT HAVE RSA IS

ALSO MEASURING US AGAINST, SO TWO ADDITIONAL MEASURES THAT THEY LOOK

AT ARE RELATED TO THE FEDERAL GRANT AND HOW MANY OUTCOMES WE GET PER YEAR OR HOW MANY PEOPLE WE SERVE AGAINST THAT GRANT. SO ON PAGE 2 OF

THE HANDOUT, THE ANNUAL COST PER PARTICIPANT AND THE ANNUAL COST PER

EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME ARE LOOKING AT HOW MANY OUTCOMES AND HOW MANY

PEOPLE WE ARE SERVING BASED ON THE FEDERAL SHARE OF THE DRAW DOWN. WE

ANTICIPATE AS WE'RE ANNUALLY ABLE TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE, AND WE'RE

ALMOST 50 PERCENT MORE IN OUTCOMES TODAY AS WE WERE LAST YEAR, THAT'S

A GOOD SIGN IN TERMS OF GETTING THAT OVERALL COST FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTCOME DOWN.

Commissioners thanked Contracts Manager April Bagley, BSVI Deputy Director Mindy Duncan, BVR Deputy Director Susan Pugh, Budget Manager Maria Seaman, CFO Therese Dyer, and Fiscal Monitoring and Compliance Manager Steve Tribbie for all of their hard work in renegotiating contracts and helping us work with our federal partners to move from the situation where we were all very worried about how we were going to serve people with disabilities to a situation where we have a go-forward path that meets everybody's needs.

#### Public Comment

Commissioner Dillingham stated former Commissioners Robert Harris was inducted into the Ohi Civil Rights Hall of Fame for his work on Disability Advocacy. There was a celebration for him in Cincinnati.

Mr. Ivan Marcus stated he is a parent and former teacher, supervisor. He sees a disconnect between adult service providers. He looked at services from OOD, DODD, support services, writing the ISP, writing the IPE and why they are so disconnected and why people have such a difficult time getting together and coordinating and doing what he thinks should start with the individual. He was seeing a lot of things driven by money and funding as opposed to individual needs. He's excited about Employment First but is

concerned about the compliance issue. He is trying to look at the connection between state mandates, federal mandates and everyone working together. He always started at school age and that was some kind of diagnostic descriptive evaluation process that could be used as a communication device. How can we measure outcomes if we do not start with appropriate evaluations and assessments for individuals?

Director Miller responded I too am a parent of a child with a disability and yes the systems are broken. The disconnects are so many that I cannot even count them. The problems are so great our agency's main focus is employment. We can begin to help and individuals once they reach the age of 14. Everyone is seeking the same dollars.

O YOUR POINT WHERE I SAID OUR RESTRAINT IS YOU'RE

TALKING ABOUT AT AGE 14, BUT WE TRY TO TALK TO, FOR INSTANCE, THE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES, HOW

CAN WE SET THEM UP SO THAT WE CAN GAIN INFORMATION SO WHEN THEY  
DO HIT

14 YEARS OF AGE, 15 YEARS OF AGE THAT WE'RE NOT STARTING OVER.

AGE. SO WE'RE PUSHING THAT ENTRY POINT MUCH EARLIER. ABOUT

BUT I CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WE HAVE A LONG, LONG  
WAY TO

GO. FOR A LONG TIME EVERYBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THEIR OWN PIECE  
AND

NOW THAT YOU CAN'T DO THAT YOU'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WAYS. I GIVE A  
LOT OF CREDIT TO JOHN MARTIN. NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE GO HERE, I'LL  
GIVE

YOU SOME MONEY TO HIRE THE COUNSELORS, BUT BASICALLY DO OUR  
WORK. WE

FEEL GOOD FROM THE EMPLOYMENT FIRST STANDPOINT IT'S NOT SOLVING  
EVERYTHING BUT IT'S INNOVATIVE. WE DO HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

#### Miscellaneous

Chair Romer-Sensky reminded Commissioners to complete the Financial Disclosure

Forms soon as there are fines associated with completing the forms late.

Commissioners need to register for the mandatory Ethics training.

The 2014 Master Calendar was distributed to the Commissioners.

The Chair and Vice-Chair have bi-weekly phone calls with the Director. If Commissioners want items discussed with the Director, to let her or Jack know.

In order to help Commissioners get a better job of being able to pre-read some of the materials handed out at Commissioners Meeting, the Chair and Vice-chair asked THE Director to have his staff get the agendas and pre-reading materials out to Commissioners one week ahead of the meeting.

#### Adjourn

Commissioner Daugherty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.