

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

THE ARC OF DEARBORN COUNTY MEETING AGENDA

Notes from previous meeting

Treasurer's Report

and Dearborn Community Foundation endowment update on distribution timing

OLD BUSINESS

DSP Exploration group—looking for participants

My Community Facebook page launch

“Big Picture” event

Membership Renewal month (report from Sue)

Fall Dance reminder Nov. 11

Group music therapy hiatus

The Arc of IN 2016 Annual Meeting—Friday, Nov 18 at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, IN

8-9:00 Registration / 9-Noon Welcome and Workshops / Noon-2 Luncheon and Awards / Wrap @ 3

\$15—Self Advocates / \$25—member, family member, DSPs / \$50—Professional and Agency Staff

FOUR GUEST CONVERSATIONS WE'LL HOST IN 2017

Resources Available and Issues Involving Dual-Diagnosed Individuals ~ (date and details TBD)

In collaboration with Karly Sciortino-Poulter with The Arc of Indiana; Claudia Miller with IDD/MI Foundation; Kathy Riley with IN Systems of Care (SOC); and, Brenda Konradi with One Community One Family and SOC. This group of individuals will initially connect at the social hour of the Indiana Systems of Care Youth and Family Subcommittee on November 9 from 3:30-4:30 at St. Mark Church 208 West Pearl Street Batesville to begin conversation. Interested in planning participation? Please email us at info@dearborncountyarcs.org or see Karen Craig.

CMS ruling—what does it mean to me? ~ (Date and details TBD, following November election time period)

Guest from the Erskine-Greene Training Institute

On Monday, January 9, we invite **Jeanne Scheets from the Erskine Green Training Institute (EGTI)** to share about the new Muncie training center developed by The Arc of Indiana Foundation whose primary goal is to provide postsecondary vocational training opportunities that successfully prepares individuals with disabilities for employment in the hospitality, food service and health care industries.

This event will be relevant for high school age and older individuals (job training), their parents or caregivers, and educators. It will be held at New Horizons Rehabilitation—Penntown location at 13146 State Road 101 Sunman at 6:30 p.m.

Person-Centered Planning ~ (conversation with guest(s) from Good Life Networks date TBD)

NEW BUSINESS

Disability Awareness Month in March—volunteers requested

MORE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

Building Bridges in Community—A Conversation with Janet Klees

Join for this two- day event with Janet Klees, Executive Director, Durham Association for Family Respite Services in Toronto. Klees will share her expertise about creating the best life possible for people with developmental disabilities. Topics include: benefits of network/support circle, planning for your loved ones' place to life, and fears about community life. Event details:

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Join for one of three informal conversations with Janet Klees. We will discuss topics impacting your loved one with a developmental disability, including community membership, belonging, and issues related to loneliness. Events are free, but registration is required.

9:30 a.m. - noon at Cherry Grove United Methodist Church - 1428 Eight Mile Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255

1:30 - 4 p.m. at West Chester Public Library, Room C - 9363 Centre Pointe Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

6:30 - 9 p.m. at Starfire Council - 5030 Oaklawn Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45227

Thursday, Nov. 10

Learn from an expert about how you can help build communities for people with developmental disabilities. Tickets are \$12 and include lunch. Registration required.

10 a.m - 3:30 p.m. at Kennedy Heights Arts Center - 6620 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45213

This two-day event has been made possible by the Good Life Network and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Co-sponsored by Starfire Council and Ohio TASH

For information on registration and to learn more, email goodlifenetWORKS@earthlink.net

Janet Klees has successfully created circles of support for people with developmental disabilities for more than 20 years as the Family Coordinator for the Deohaeko Support Network in Toronto. In that role, she helped families develop and operate a 105-unit housing cooperative where people with DD live in seven of the units. Klees also organizes supports for individuals and families in eastern Toronto and has authored two books about the housing co-op and ongoing support work in Deohaeko.

Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

Creating a Culture of Change

The disability rights movement continues to build momentum, and it's creating a culture of change — change for the better. We've had victories small and large along the way. We've seen groundbreaking legislation from forward-thinking supporters.

Legal victories, such as the Olmstead and the Jenny Hatch cases, prove there are advocates willing to challenge the system. The passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was a huge leap forward. The recent passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the ABLE Act, together with the Disability Integration Act on the horizon, demonstrates that the disability community has forced a change in the status quo and continues to make strides towards full inclusion.

Many barriers still exist that prevent people with disabilities from being full, active participants in their communities. We hope you'll join us in embracing a culture of change — change that will ensure all people with disabilities receive the services and supports they deserve to live rewarding, meaningful, community-integrated lives.

This December 5-6 conference brings 35 workshops on pertinent topics considering the possibilities and challenges just ahead! Here's more information on the 2016 Conference on Disability from The Indiana Governor's Council. Register by Nov. 21 for the reduced cost or to apply for a scholarship. Visit the conference website [here](#).

WE GATHER NEXT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 AT 6:30 PM

For a book reading of "[Waddie Welcome & the Beloved Community](#)"

With light snacks and refreshments provided