

Ohio Empowerment Center Work Groups

Fiscal Responsibility

The purpose of this work group is to:

- Identify a 501 C3 that would serve as their fiscal agent.
- Secure office space/furniture, (In collaboration with Policy, Advocacy and Networking, esp. re: OCATS).
- In collaboration with Change Management and Policy, Advocacy and Networking work groups, hire a support staff, policy staff, and an Executive Director during the next fiscal year.

Co-Chairs: David Granger, Glenn Hopkins

Members: Juliet Dorris-Williams, Sherry Boyd, Pat Risser

Communication and Outreach

The purpose of this work group is to:

- Develop recommendations for membership, including at large and/or ex-official members.
- Develop nominating procedures and process for conducting an election for a Board of Directors. Must be part of the By-Laws as membership, etc.
- Review and make recommendations on communications and news releases

Co-Chairs: Meghan McNeil, Katie Oechsle

Members: Gabe Howard, Brian Jones, Cheryl Schwendeman, Cassandra Rufat

Policy, Advocacy and Networking

The purpose of this work group is to:

- Participate in state policy work
- Coordinate and share information on state policy work
- Collaborate with the Ohio Wellness Network
- Coordinate office space, equipment and staff needs with Fiscal Responsibility
- Collaborate with Change management on the development of by-laws

Co-Chairs: Niki Hanselman

Members: Jack Cameron, Glenn Hopkins, Steve Copper, Patti Waits, Pam Sarver, Margaret Demko

Change Management

The purpose of this work group is to:

- In collaboration with Communication and Outreach, Define the mission of a statewide organization.
- Identify a leadership group, from among its members.
- In collaboration with Policy, Advocacy and Networking and Communication and Outreach, develop by-laws.
- Incorporation Process: check with Secretary of State and reserve name
- Obtain 501 C3 status

Co-Chairs: Renee Kopache, Mag Casarez

Members: Frank Fleischer, Vanessa Eubanks, Nancy Montagna

Guidance Team

In addition to the four work groups, a Guidance Team comprised of four OEC members, two ODMH staff and three facilitators meet between OEC meetings to review progress and make recommendations for OEC members' consideration.

Members: Mag Casarez, Sherry Boyd, Ellen Deacon, Niki Hanselman, Dan Fisher, Glenn Hopkins, Debbie Nixon-Hughes, Renee Kopache, LaVerne Miller