



## Ohio Sunset Review Committee

### *Agency Questionnaire*

Agency Name: OOD Council

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Council meets quarterly to advise OOD regarding specific aspects of the vocational rehabilitation program as outlined in the federal regulations. Specifically, it provides feedback to OOD on its Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired programs. The Council is responsible for reviewing state goals and priorities related to the vocational rehabilitation services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

The OOD Council meets on a quarterly basis with one or two subcommittees regarding specific items for the full council to consider. One OOD staff schedules meetings, takes minutes, arranges for travel, and coordinates all meeting details for the OOD Council. The OOD staff person is also responsible for records retention of the OOD Council.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

The OOD Council's budget includes costs for travel and hotel reimbursement for Council members to attend 6 meetings and two national conferences per year.

The OOD Council members' travel reimbursement funds are incurred by OOD's Indirect funds/Program Management.

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018, there were six OOD Commissioners with a budget of \$1,200. In FFY 2019, the OOD Commissioners merged with the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and the Consumer Advisory Committee creating the OOD Council. The newly created OOD Council consisted of 16 members. The budget for the newly created OOD Council for FFY 2019 was \$8,660. In FFY 2020, the OOD Council's budget is \$17,300. We anticipate the OOD Council's budget for FFY 2021 will be approximately \$17,300.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

The OOD Council consists of 16 members appointed by the Governor. The makeup of the Council follows criteria established by the federal government, including that a majority of the members have a disability. Council members include an individual who has applied for or received vocational rehabilitation services; an individual who represents community rehabilitation program service providers; and an individual who represents an organization that advocates on behalf of individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory or mental disabilities.

OOD Council members are reimbursed per diem via the U.S. General Services Administration rates. OOD Council members do not receive compensation.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities is not recommending any changes to improve organizational efficiency.

Additional notes:

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council was established by Senate Bill 144 and signed into law by Governor John Kasich on March 1, 2018. The law streamlined the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commissioners (7 members), the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (21 members), and the Consumer Advisory Committee (17 members) into a single, more inclusive council. The Council consists of 16 members who are appointed by the Governor. The makeup of the Council follows criteria established by the federal government, including that a majority of the members have a disability.