



Supported Decision Making

Network of Ohio

Meeting

May 14, 2025

12:00 a.m.

Attendees: Dana Charlton, Josh Young, Celia Schloemer, Amy Freeman, Joy and Alan Shusner, Shirella Walls, Lisa Comes, Becky Kremer, Elizabeth Lambert, Gilda Schwartz, Hadia Khan, Derek Graham, Amy Mordaunt, Jason Harris, Kristy Stepp, Stephanie Leppert, Tammy Smith-Zack, Allen County Board, Courtney Hineman, Alicia Hopkins, Josh Young, Angie Chapple, Jenna Krouskoup, Kristi Andrasik, Ann Neu.

Welcome and Opening Comments – Celia/Dana

- Kristy Stepp, Project STIR trainer, Joy and Alan, telling Rosie's Story, Kristy Slagle, Gayle Jacobs were all attending for the first time.

Storyteller - Joy Shusner - Story of Rosie Lawrence-Slater

- Joy parent of Rosie who would have turned 37 this week. Rosie had a lot of medical problems. Kristy Stepp was Rosie's best friend. Rosie was put into guardianship at 18 and it took 11 years to get her out of guardianship from APSI. Gilda Schwartz a member of our synagogue and a dear friend, found out her old guardian was leaving. One of Rosie's doctors checked no, which meant guardianship should not be continued. Psychologist confirmed she did not need a guardian. Rosie received the entry from the probate court, which allowed her to be her own guardian. Learned to read at 17, it took three years, and she signed her own consent. She loved to cook and Project STIR. Every year they celebrated Freedom Day. Rosie died suddenly November 11, 2024.
- Amy Mourdant, Arc of Ohio, would love to share her story on their website. Josh would love to support and collaborate on supported decision making. Shirella Walls, intake service coordinator, stated in 2023 APSI restored 23 clients, 2024, APSI has 11-12, and currently are working on getting more restored to supported decision making vs. guardianships. Kristen Henry stated individuals with DD are at different stages, making sure their staff are equipped to know what the individual's goals are, using the Tool Kit with practical workbooks to prepare them for their ISPs, working with clients about issues that are important to them, and advocate for them in their journey.

Advancing Supported Decision-Making: Exploring Family and Self-Advocate Perspectives to Reduce Reliance on Guardianship – Jeanne Novak and Catie Lewis

- Jeanne stated she would not be here but she's moving along with the survey and has a self-advocate meeting May 28th to see if anyone wanted to provide input into the survey.

SDMNO Resources - Facebook & other social media – Outreach group – Lisa and Amy M. Click here to check it out! Note that there is a brief demo of the “Padlet”.

<https://padlet.com/lcomes/supported-decision-making-network-of-ohio-sdmno-dmro8jhpke93c6m1>, <https://www.facebook.com/SDMOHIO/> click now and “LIKE” the page

- Amy Mordaunt stated videos get the most views and would love to collaborate with outreach to get more content. Get videos, like, and share to promote interaction and increase comments. In an effort to increase the Outreach Group invite your friends, post personal stories in order to reach more families. Another way to reach families is sending the content via emails to SSA’s. The Supported Decision Making (SDM) template is on the website (attached).
https://www.sdmno.org/files/ugd/f2b1b0_a8c93cb0eb3c4734bef15dae2487446d.docx?dn=SDMNO%20SP%20Progress%20Report%20Template.docx
- Charting the Life Course is more specific, a work in progress, and would appreciate feedback. Joy said the Missouri Stoplight Tool is easy to use and has received great feedback.
- Kristen Henry indicated there are two bills being worked on SDM. First, the budget bill, HB 96. Language was taken out before it was passed by the house. Requested language be added back in and working with legislators in the Senate. and the We will not know if the Senate puts in back in until June, or when it is signed by the Governor. Second, SB 35, is about SDM, and one opponent testified in DC last week. This bill impacts guardianship. The Senate Judiciary Committee only allows a specific time for you to present testimony and allows 24 hours prior to the hearing for submitting testimony. Suggesting getting your testimony ready and when announced, put the current date on it and submit it within the 24-hour deadline. Representative Claggett is working to overhaul the SDM provisions that were taken out. SB 35 is focusing on the original language that was in the budget bill. APSI will keep everyone on our mailing list for updates. Josh Young stated the group has done a great job on the principles and SDM and asked what actions can we take prior to the next meeting?

Went into break out rooms at 12:52.

Break Out Rooms: Include Internal and Financial, Outreach, and Learning and Growth.

Returned from the breakout rooms at 1:15 p.m. to review the updates.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Next SDMNO meeting – June 11, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.