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Board endorses ADAMH levy - Issue 14

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has officially endorsed Issue 14, the 5 year renewal levy for the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board.

Because this is a renewal, it will not increase taxes. David Royer, ADAMH CEO stated this levy would not begin collection until 2017.



Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD stated that ADAMH has been a strong partner, supporting services for people who have mental illness and developmental disabilities.

Partnerships include support for the Nisonger Center dual diagnosis program, behavioral support services for children and increased awareness efforts related to mental health and disability. The two agencies also collaborate as members of the Franklin County Family and Children First Council.

Issue 14 will be on the November 3rd general election ballot.

REMINDER...

**The Community Star Awards will be held on Wednesday, October 7th
at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road
Social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

"The Hero Within"

October 9 through November 11 at the Cultural Arts Center

'The Hero Within' is the title of an impressive Sunapple Studios art installation that will be on display from October 9th through November 11th at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, 139 W. Main Street.

Sunapple artists have recycled over 50,000 plastic bottles to create this art. The bottles were cleaned and cut by hand to create a whimsical and multi colored display of trees, bushes, oceans and rainbows.



Art Facilitator Jackie Boyle coordinated the project which has been supported by a grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. The grant pays for materials and wages of the artists. The artists that worked on the project are: Joy Hale, Tony Harrington, Nuura Abdulkadir, Adam Pfirsh and Theresa Whitlow, plus a large cast of supporting artists.



Jan Montgomery, Director of ARC West, where Sunapple Studios resides, stated "this is absolutely one of the most creative and beautiful works of art I have ever seen. We can't wait to share it, beginning at the opening reception on October 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m."

State funded waiver allocation process set

A plan to allocate the 3,000 new state-funded waivers has been set, based on funding allocated in the FY 2016-17 state budget.

The 3,000 state-funded waivers are to bring down the waiting list, and to give individuals considering or living in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) the option to live in the community with a waiver.

With the funding approved, a work group representing County Boards, providers, individuals and families, and DODD staff was formed to develop a plan to distribute the waivers.

"There were many ways we could have approached the distribution of these waivers, and the group arrived at a fair, objective method," said John Martin, Director of DODD. "The plan ensures every county receives some waivers, and that we're advancing the state as a whole."

The following is a summary of the statewide projected waiver distribution:

- **400 Diversion Waivers:** These waivers will offer individuals who are considering moving into an ICF the option to live in a community setting with waiver supports. Prior to admission to an ICF, individuals will learn about the option of a waiver.

- **800 Exit Waivers:** These waivers will help individuals who currently live in an ICF and want to leave to do so. A third party will interview individuals in ICFs who also are on the waiting list to determine if they still want a waiver.

- **1,864 Waiting List Waivers:** These waivers will bring down the waiting list; currently, there are 40,000 on the state waiting list, about 20,000 of whom are projected to have an immediate need. The 1,864 waivers for the waiting list will be comprised of 1,000 SELF Waivers and 864 Individual Options (IO) Waivers.

"We're excited that Governor Kasich and the legislature supported expanding services by adding state funding for waivers," Director Martin said. "We hope that demonstrating the impact this has on individuals and responsibly managing this process will pave the way for future increases."

Every county will receive at least three waivers - one SELF Waiver, and two Individual Options (IO) Waivers.

If a County Board isn't able to use their waivers, the waivers will be redistributed to other counties.

It's very important that all waivers are distributed by June 30, 2017 which will help DODD request additional funding to increase waiver enrollment in the future.

Waivers will be distributed evenly over the next two years to manage cost increases and the workload of County Boards. The first group of individuals should be enrolled later this fall, and all waivers will be distributed by the end of the biennium (June 30, 2017).

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will monitor the both the number and pace of the waiver distribution to ensure individuals are enrolled in all of the waivers.

PIECE Project successful

The Pre-Vocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience (PIECE) pilot project was a big success according to representatives of Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) and The Ohio State University.

The 10 week campus experience for adults served by FCBDD provided career discovery and assessment, job shadowing, internships and instruction. FCBDD staff were also able to share their perspectives and learn with OSU personnel.

Closing ceremonies were held at the Ross Heart Hospital and all participants provided a recorded presentation of their experiences, with several staff adding their remarks.

Superintendent Jed Morison commended participants, families and staff from FCBDD and the University for their outstanding work and their willingness to 'step out of the box' by trying something new. "We can build on this experience and will hope we can repeat next year."

Bob Gaston, FCBDD Adult Services Director initiated the project with Dr. Margo Izzo, Program Director at the Nisonger Center. Natalie Herman, Training Supervisor at ARC North, provided excellent leadership on a daily basis.



PIECE participants proudly show their completion certificates.

Barbara Acton hired for Early Childhood programs

Barbara Acton has been hired as an Assistant Director for the Early Childhood Education department.

Barbara comes to the position with excellent credentials, including service as the Executive Director of the Childhood League and Director of the Program for Young Children at the Columbus School for Girls.

Most recently, Barbara served as Director of the Radcliffe Child Care Center, providing educational leadership and day-to-day operations management for a non-profit childcare center affiliated with Harvard University.

Barbara joins the Early Childhood Administrative Team to include Assistant Directors Sally Harrington and Teresa Johnson, Manager Debbie New and ECE Director Rebecca Love, who provide leadership for home-based, early intervention, and center-based programs for children ranging in age from birth to six.

Rebecca Love, states that "Barbara is a passionate and experienced early childhood professional who believes in the capabilities and potential of all children. Our shared vision and values will certainly support the growth and development of our early childhood programs for staff, families and children".



Barbara Acton

Over 300 attend 5K

It was a perfect morning for over 300 participants and supporters at the second annual 'Discover Your Abilities' 5K on Sunday, September 13th.

The event was coordinated by the FCBDD Wellness Team, ARC Wellness and Special Olympics staff to emphasize healthy living, while raising funds for Special Olympics. Over 30 volunteers helped with everything from registration to family activities, music and games. Even the OSU Buckeye Mobile Tour was present at McFerson Park across from Nationwide Arena.

Runners, walkers and those in wheelchairs were officially started by Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator. Those with and without disabilities recited the Special Olympics oath, led by Bob Smith, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Special thanks to Wellness Committee members: Nan Burns, Andy Cole, Mike Dancho, Andrea Lyle, Stacie Meeks, Anna Osgard, Ryan Phillips and Jodi Zill, also to Mary Jane Timmons from ARC Wellness. We wish to recognize Jen Bowen and Peg Rittler from United Healthcare who arranged for the Buckeye Mobile Tour and all of the sponsors who provided gift bags for all participants.



Front—Janice Keaser,
Back—Jackie Suver

The fastest times for the race were by Patrick Marrillees in the men's division, who completed the race in 18:23 minutes and by Kristina Zahniser in the women's division with a time of 19:06 minutes.

Everyone was a winner!!



Congratulations to all who
crossed the finish line for
'Discover Your Abilities'.



Rollers, walkers, runners at the 5K starting line.



Fun activities for all
ages.

Health Department promotes 'Quit Smoking' line

The Ohio Department of Health has established an Ohio Tobacco Quit Line and is encouraging people to quit smoking.

Posters stating "Cancer Doesn't Discriminate" have been distributed to highlight that people with and without disabilities can get cancer from smoking.

The 'Call it Quits' line provides counseling for uninsured Ohioans, Medicaid recipients and pregnant women. By calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669), one can receive advice, a personalized Quit Plan, the latest information about medications that can help you quit and free nicotine patches.



Quit Line callers are five times more likely to succeed than those who try to quit on their own.

Maggie Scott to retire after 38 years!

by Laurie Green-Lauber

After 38 years of employment with FCBDD, Maggie Scott is retiring in October.

Maggie started at Northeast School from 1975 to 1980 as a Teacher's Assistant, Teacher, Work-Study Program Coordinator and Vocational Training Instructor. In 1981, she worked as a Graduate Research Associate at OSU's Nisonger Center. She obtained her Master's degree in Education: Industrial Technology from OSU in 1982. Also in 1982, Maggie became a founding staff member of the Job Placement Division of FCBDD, and worked primarily over the years as a Job Developer. In this role, she helped over 750 individuals become employed in community jobs.



Maggie Scott

Maggie observes, "When we started, FCBDD was the only agency providing community job placement services to people with developmental disabilities. Today, there are many other local agencies and providers." The first person she assisted with job placement worked at Affairs by Beth in a food service position. Various jobs she found for individuals included sander of granite countertops, cookie dough line worker at Cheryl's Cookies, box maker at Reynolds & Reynolds, sewing machine operator at Racequip, and bun toaster at Wendy's.

She says, "I'm proud of the good work that we do in the Job Placement Division. I work with a lot of compassionate people. The best part of my day is spending time with my consumers." Maggie also has appreciated the team work with specialists from the workshops over the years, including Anne Thomas of the Psychology Department; Doug Smith, Rehab Engineer; and Debbie Wright, Occupational Therapist.

Maggie has been married to Carl Scott of the FCBDD Print Shop since 1982. In retirement, Maggie plans to volunteer in daughter Katie's third grade classroom. She will also help daughter Erin with her new firm called the Generate Consulting Group, a consulting advisory firm for nonprofits and businesses.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO, "Maggie Scott has been terrific. Hundreds of people are now employed because of Maggie and hundreds more are better off having known and worked with such a wonderful person."

In closing, Maggie said, "I'm happy to be retiring from my alarm clock and from driving in Columbus traffic."

Maggie will be missed. Her service to the agency has been outstanding as she has helped so many people become employed in their communities.

Sole to Soul project

FCBDD staff recently donated over 100 pairs of gently used shoes to the 'Sole to Soul' project to benefit youth and individuals in developing countries.

The shoe project was coordinated by WrightChoice, Inc. CEO TyKiah Wright indicated that all shoe donations provided a 'win-win-win', benefitting low income youth and youth with disabilities, while helping people in developing countries. The project also helps to protect our environment by recycling shoes.

Special thanks to Pam Lett of the FCBDD Early Childhood department, who acquired a particularly large donation from Second Sole Shoe Store.



Superintendent Morison is pictured with TyKiah Wright.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to **PIECE** (Pre-Vocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience) summer pilot project participants on an excellent first year.

Thanks to **Cathy Rogers** of the Transportation staff for reminding us how history repeats itself by sharing a 1949 postcard from her grandfather which emphasized employment with the following phrase printed by the stamp: "*Hire the Handicapped - It's Good Business.*"

Congratulations to **Deb Viney**, who has been hired to fill the new position of Curriculum Supervisor at West Central, joining **Mike Ross**, Principal.

Congratulations to **Gary Andrus**, Training Specialist at ARC North for 29 years of service. In addition to Gary's service at ARC North, he was a volunteer at Nisonger and for Special Olympics for many years and has been a proud father of three, including son, Jason, who is served by FCBDD. Best wishes on a well-deserved retirement.



Gary Andrus

Congratulations to artists from the **Hague Living Skills Center** for their participation with the colorful paintings on exhibit at the **Grandview Heights Public Library**.



Artists from Hague display their artwork at Grandview Heights Public Library.

Best Buddies by Alex Corwin

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is coming up on Sunday, October 18th at 1 p.m. at Creekside Park in Gahanna.

The event is to help raise money for a Best Buddies of Ohio office to support and grow the program here in Ohio. Best Buddies is an organization that pairs our individuals with a typical student for a school year full of friendship and activities.

Currently, the national Best Buddies organization caps states at the number of Best Buddies chapters they can have

without a state office. Ohio is currently at that cap and cannot open any more local chapters until we have the funds to open the Ohio office.

Please consider joining the event and helping raise funds to support such a great organization that not only provides friendship and inclusion for our individuals, but gives learning and leadership opportunities to young adults. You can join the walk online at <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1140472>.

Career Milestones

35 years

Beth Dies
Debra New

30 years

Patricia Batdorf
Mary Roth
Laura Shoemaker

25 years

Randall Cuenot
Teresa Hall
Colleen Holloway
Lucinda Mires-Peebles
Judith Purdy
Patricia Sampson
Gene Smith
Karen Smith
Joyanne Washington

20 years

Valerie Bassett
Tyler Betts
Earl Dillon
Tawnya Hagan

15 years

Amy D'Albenzio
Tonia Peoples
Gloria Smith

10 years

Ted Carpenter
Christine Elshahawi
David Paul
Elizabeth St. John
Carrie Vamos

5 years

Lisa Barker
Donald Crabtree
Martin Downs
John Fisher
Debra Frink
Ben Newton
Kimberly Raff



Ohio Adult Sibling Conference

The 15th Annual Adult Sibling Conference is scheduled for November 13-14 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin.

Ohio SIBS sponsors the conference, which will feature excellent speakers and opportunities to meet other siblings. Entertainment by *Blue Spectrum* and an art show by artists with developmental disabilities are also planned.



Speakers include:

*Dr. Emily Shea Tanis-Technology
for People with Disabilities*
Esme Grant - Federal Issues Important for Siblings
Brian Donovan - Filmmaker ('Kelly's Hollywood')
Dr. Carl Tyler - Health Care for Your Sibling
John Martin - State Initiatives for Siblings

Registration for the conference is \$110 and scholarships are available. Dr. Tom Fish can provide more details regarding the conference and scholarships at (614) 685-8723.

Legacy to benefit others

Some individuals who qualify for Medicaid have had a Medicaid Supplemental Services Trust fund established for them. The individuals' friends and family can make contributions to the trust, and the money does not count toward Medicaid eligibility.

About the only limit on spending the trust fund money is that it must be spent on things that the individual wants, and must be spent on things for which government programs will not pay. However, if an individual with such a Trust, who is also eligible for county board services passes away, any money left in the Trust eventually reverts to the county board, as a legacy to other individuals served by the county board.

Recently, such a sad situation has occurred, with the remaining legacy trust fund money reverting to FCBDD. FCBDD is intending to spend almost all of this one-time money by paying payee-ship fees for about 600 Individuals served by FCBDD who have to pay their own monthly payee-ship fees.

These 600 individuals have special payee-ships because they have no available family, or guardian to help them manage their money. These eligible individuals will receive notice in writing regarding arrangements for this one-time reimbursement.

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Calendar

October

- 7 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., 5:30 p.m.
Please call 342-5950 for details.
- 7,8,9 Synergy Conference, Dublin Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., sponsored by OSDA/PAR. For details, please go to www.synergyohio.org.
- 12 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 21 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 22 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 23 ARC Industries Board of Trustees Retreat - please call 342-5734 for details.
- 28 FCBDD Annual Self-Advocate Conference, Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1934 N. 4th Street, 10 a.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!