REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
July 28, 2016

Members Present: Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Ms. Savage, Renée Stein

Members Excused: John Bickley, Linda Craig

Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Beatty, Linda Fleming, Gwynn Kinsel, David Ott, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Ms. Savage, Secretary.

MINUTES

Ms. Ninos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 23, 2016, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Ninos reported that the Finance Committee met noting that expenditures are at 46.3% at the half point of the year and revenue is 55.4%. Dot Yeager and Jennifer Schueneman are finalizing the draft budget proposal for 2017. This must eventually be approved by the County Commissioners. Ms. Yeager also reviewed program expenditures for the first half of 2016. All are under budget.

Ms. Ninos moved for approval of the Budget and Finance Report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Report: Ms. Crawford stated that the committee reviewed personnel actions for the past month and all seems to be in order.

Rick Grawemeyer and Doug Smith, long-term and excellent staff members, will retire at the end of the month.

The committee reviewed the revisions to the following three policies: Behavior Support, Technology & Equipment and HIPAA and will recommend approval.

Ms. Crawford moved for approval of the Human Resources Report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- We will ask the Board for consideration of a resolution to privatize our Adult Services operations, effective in January, 2019. This is responsive to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement to be sure we have 'conflict free case management.' Our plan is to transition services to ARC Industries, which is a separate non-profit organization that serves as the employer of individuals we serve. In the future ARC Industries will also employ former staff of FCBDD. ARC Industries has passed a companion resolution that supports this resolution.

- Our adult services and transportation staff will have a staff development day on August 12. The Workshops, Northeast and Bixby Centers will be closed on that day.

- We do not have a regular Board meeting scheduled for August. If a special meeting is required, we will poll Board members.

- Our draft budget for 2017 is nearly finished. We will present to the Commissioners’ staff on August 29 and the process will continue into the Fall.

- Representative Kevin Boyce met with the Superintendent and visited the Early Childhood Education and Family Center in July.

- CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) will review Adult Services programs in September for consideration of renewal of our 3 year accreditation.

- Our Wellness Committee is organizing a 5K Race/Walk/Roll for September 11 at the JFK Park in Reynoldsburg. Proceeds will benefit Special Olympics.

- Our Special Olympics Unified Soccer Team competed recently at the Crew Stadium. We competed against the DC United Special Olympics team. Frankie Heyduk, former Crew all-star, played with our team.

- The Superintendent will be attending a closing ceremony tonight at West Central School on our Transition to Work program. This concludes our Summer Programs for early childhood and school students. It has been a great summer.

- We had a wonderful celebration at the Outback Steakhouse on Bethel Road last week to celebrate completion of a 12 week internship for people from ARC West and ARC North. One person has already been placed.

- We had a successful blood drive today. Thanks to Board member Beth Savage for donating.

- There was a nice article in The Dispatch titled “Marriage Tax” about individuals who have disabilities and how marriage impacts their benefits.
RESOLUTIONS

a. Mr. Fadel moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee on July 28, 2016, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ms. Ninos moved to address the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ requirement for conflict-free case management by the privatization of Adult Services to be effective in January, 2019, second by Mr. Fadel. The attached resolution was read. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew Memorandum Of Understanding for employment services with Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities for Project Search for the period beginning from October 1, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2017, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc., for early intervention services for toddlers not to exceed the amount of $850,021.00 for the period beginning August 1, 2016 and ending July 31, 2017, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Mr. Fadel moved to award bid for Johnstown Road sprinkler project to TP Mechanical Contractors, Inc., in the base bid amount of $29,618.00 and a contingency of $3,500.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Ms. Ninos moved to request to go to bid for Johnstown security improvements and West Central security improvements, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Ms. Crawford moved to revise policy 11.7 titled Behavior Support, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Mr. Fadel moved to revise policy 11.23 titled Technology and Equipment Usage, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Ms. Crawford moved to revise policy 11.26 titled HIPAA, FERPA and IDEA Compliance, second by Mr. Fadel.

j. Ms. Ninos moved to approve a request to go to bid for cooling tower work at ARC West. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None
NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Christine Brown updated the Board and staff members on the latest self-advocacy efforts in Franklin County and around the State.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 28, 2016 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Mr. Fadel.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Savage, Secretary
and Acting President

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Attachment
PROPOSED CONFLICT FREE RESOLUTION TO PRIVATIZE FCBDD ADULT SERVICES IN JANUARY, 2019

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have a rule titled ‘Conflict Free Case Management’ that says that organizations that provide case management cannot also provide ‘home and community based services’, which are funded by Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides Service Coordination (Case Management) and adult day services and adult transportation that are funded by Medicaid waivers, and

WHEREAS, CMS has indicated to Ohio that County Boards must eliminate the conflict by 2024, and

WHEREAS, CMS has also said that by 2020, County Boards of Developmental Disabilities should be serving no more than 30% of the individuals who receive home and community based services, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will publish an RFP (Request for Proposal) to request proposals from ARC industries and others to privatize transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities wants to maintain stability in services for the individuals served in partnership with ARC Industries, and

WHEREAS, stability in services can best be accomplished by maintaining stability in staffing and services provided in partnership with ARC Industries, and

WHEREAS, the ARC Industries Board of Trustees, is committed to maintaining stability and to serve as the Private Provider, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,

1. That the Board proposes to contract with ARC Industries to transition all Adult Services staff to the ARC Industries payroll, effective in January, 2019, and

2. That, per Ohio law, staff moving from FCBDD payroll to ARC Industries will maintain membership in OPERS and staff will also have the option to ‘opt out’ of OPERS, and

3. That staff should maintain their current rate of pay, and

4. That the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will work with the ARC Industries Board of Trustees to assist in maintaining similar health insurance and to develop equitable plans related to accumulated sick leave and vacation time.