

Board officers elected

John Bickley, Board member since 2012, has been elected President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Bickley is the former President and CEO of the YMCA of Central Ohio. He devoted 37 years of his professional career to the mission and work of the YMCA. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Bickley's vision and leadership resulted in numerous community partnerships and unprecedented growth.

Mr. Bickley and his wife Minda have a daughter who is served by the Board and another who is married with two children. He was appointed to the Board by the Franklin County Commissioners in 2012.

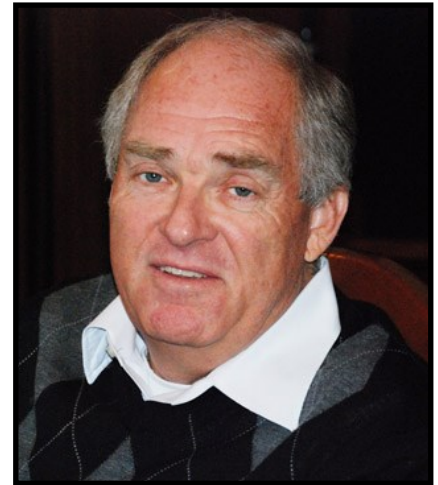
Mr. Bickley follows Linda Craig, who has served as President the past two years. Ms. Craig is the Customer Service Supervisor for the Franklin County Treasurer. She will continue on the Board.

Other officers elected in the Board's annual organizational meeting were Beth Savage, Vice President and Marie Crawford, Secretary.

Ms. Savage was appointed to the Board by Probate Judge Montgomery in 2012. She has two children, one of whom receives services. Ms. Savage is Director of Forensic Services for PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services, LLC.

Ms. Crawford was appointed to the Board by the Franklin County Commissioners in 2013. She has been an active parent advocate and supporter of services for over 20 years. She has three sons, with two receiving services by the Board.

The other Board members are all Past Presidents of the Board with long tenure. Dean Fadel is President of the Ohio Insurance Institute and former President of the Ohio Association of County Boards. Renée Stein is Senior Manager Partnerships, FX International Payments at American Express. Dean and Renée have family members receiving services from the Board.



John Bickley

Helen Ninos ends tenure on Board



Helen Ninos

Helen Ninos, Past President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities attended her last Board meeting in January, after twelve years of outstanding service.

Helen was appointed to the Board in 2006 by the Franklin County Commissioners. As an attorney and executive with United Way, the Ohio Attorney General and currently with SERS (School Employees Retirement System), Helen has provided leadership through several of the Board's most challenging years.

Helen's leadership included service as Chair of the Human Resources and Ethics Committees and she held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President.

During her tenure, three levies were passed in 2008, 2011 and 2017 allowing for continued stability in services for over 20,000 children and adults and their families. Her expertise in human resources and labor relations also resulted in stability in staffing, with no layoffs despite significant changes in Medicaid rules.

According to Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, "Helen has been awesome. Her legal and administrative guidance has helped us all do our jobs better and her calm and logical approach to issues has carried us through some challenging times. It is people like Helen, who make this world a better place."

Boards approve Adult Services Plan

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the ARC Industries Board of Trustees have approved the plan to integrate adult day services with adult transportation.

The plan means that eventually transportation for most individuals to and from ARC North, ARC East, ARC West and the Northeast and Bixby Centers will be provided by ARC Industries. Implementation will begin later this year and finalized in 2019.

The plan is in response to the requirement of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to have 'conflict free case management,' whereby the same organization cannot provide case management and services funded by Medicaid waivers. Adult Services and adult transportation are substantially funded by Medicaid waivers.

Transportation for early childhood and school services will continue to be provided by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities on school buses. Adult transportation will eventually transition to vans, allowing for shorter routes and greater flexibility for community experiences.

ARC Industries Business Office moves

The ARC Industries Business and Employment Services Offices have moved from their location at Marilyn Lane to 2780 Airport Drive.

Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries said the move went smoothly, despite the inclement weather in mid-January. "Special thanks to Todd Surgoine, ARC Industries Business Manager, for the outstanding job he did coordinating the renovations of the leased space and the move."

The new location is located close to Cassidy Avenue, near the Airport Marriott. In addition to the offices, the new location includes more meeting space and parking.

The Marilyn Lane building will continue to be used for maintenance and storage, while plans are developed to move these functions to the former West Transportation Compound building.



**2780 Airport Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43219**

Chris Lopez to retire

Christine Lopez, Assistant Director for the Service Coordination Department will retire at the end of February with 40 years of service.



Chris Lopez

Chris was one of the first staff members to begin 'case management' services for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in 1986.

Initially, the Case Management Department (now called Service Coordination) was established as a pilot project. Prior to this, case management services were provided by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

According to Superintendent Morison, "Chris was one of the few pioneers who established the ground work for case management services in Ohio. As a Coordinator for the Model 50 Waiver and a MUI investigator in her early years, she helped to guide services and policy."

As a Supervisor and now Assistant Director for Service Coordination, "Chris has been a 'go-to' person for many staff and administrators. Her calm manner, her knowledge and her sense of fairness characterized her work and set an example for many."

Prior to her service with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Chris worked for APSI (Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc.) and she coordinated the Citizens Advocacy Program for the Franklin County Council for Retarded Citizens. While in college, she was a graphic artist for Chemical Abstracts.

About her career, Chris stated "It's been a pleasure working for the county board, it's offered lots of challenges, opportunities, and a myriad of varied experiences. I'm also very proud of the work we've done in Service Coordination and the role that I have played in making it what it is today."

While all retirement plans are not finalized, Chris knows that she plans to finish some projects around her house, spend more time with family – especially her 98-year old father. Chris also plans to travel and pursue some volunteer opportunities.

Bixby renovations complete

Renovations to Bixby Center were completed in January, after several months of enhancements.

According to Superintendent Jed Morison, "the staff at Bixby has been awesome and very flexible throughout all the construction." In addition to security enhancements in the front of the Center, the entire building received a new sprinkler system. When the building (formerly Southeast School) opened in 1974, sprinkler systems were not required.

Teresa Hall commended both staff and participants for their cooperation all these months. The project was done in phases so that services could continue. This required half of the building to relocate in phase one, and then again everyone moved for phase two, allowing contractors full access.



Bixby Center

A first of its kind in service delivery

Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries and Marcia Duffy, Operations Support Manager were on hand to represent ARC Industries at the recent Capital Improvement Funding Partnership award presentation.

ARC Industries received \$100,000 toward the purchase of a personal care vehicle. This state of the art service delivery concept will provide extended opportunities for person-centered, individualized community involvement and will provide individuals with complex needs the opportunity to build connections and friendships, and increase self-reliance.

The personal care vehicle will afford the means to attend to an individual's personal care/medical needs in a safe and private place and allow for the opportunity for more individuals to participate in meaningful community activities.

Thanks to the capital improvement combined funding partnership of The Columbus Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, ARC Industries was one of 22 local nonprofits selected to receive \$1,922,523 to invest in capital needs from facility expansion and renovation to technology upgrades and vehicle acquisition.



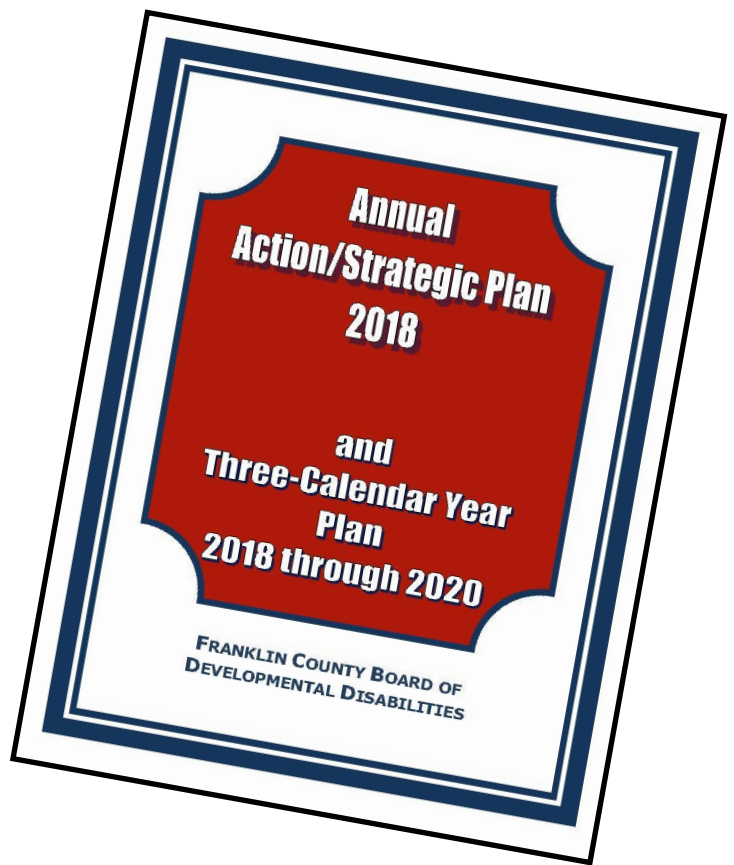
Annual Action/ Strategic Plan approved

The 2018 Annual Action/ Strategic Plan has been approved by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD).

The plan provides details on the Board's vision and mission and describes services that we currently provide. Initiatives and outcomes for the 2018 year are outlined.

According to Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, "the plan serves as our roadmap for the year and is consistent with our overall plan for the long term."

To review the plan, connect to the FCBDD website at www.fcbdd.org and click on publications.



'Fix the List' campaign launches

Editor's Note: The following article was reprinted from a publication of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

People with developmental disabilities and their families have repeatedly made their opinions clear: Ohio's waiting list for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers is overly complex and in need of simplification.

The current waiting list confuses people with developmental disabilities and their families, misleads advocates, and hinders efforts by policymakers to direct resources to where they are needed most.

That is why the Ohio Association of County Boards joined a coalition to modernize Ohio's failed waiting list.

This coalition includes groups representing people with developmental disabilities, parents, families, advocates, county boards of DD, providers, and the State of Ohio.

Through the efforts of this coalition and informed by the feedback of people with developmental disabilities and their families, we believe that a new approach to the way Ohio's HCBS waiver waiting list operates is needed. It's time to Fix the List.

Follow the coalition's progress at www.FixTheList.info.

Calendars approved

Calendars for the 2018-2019 program year have been approved by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD).

West Central and FCBDD Early Childhood Center staff will return from Summer recess on August 20, 2018 and will have Winter recess from December 21 through January 1, 2019. Spring recess for early childhood and school programs will be from April 22-26, 2019. If per chance, the Columbus City Schools calendar for the 2018/2019 school year indicates a different start of the school year or Spring recess, this calendar may be revised.



Other services of the Board will be open twelve months of the year, celebrating county holidays. Copies of the calendars for the 2018-2019 year can be located on the FCBDD website in the 'Publications' section at www.fcbdd.org. For further assistance, please contact Amy Magginis at (614) 342-5950 or email at amy.magginis@fcbdd.org.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations Amanda Carroll and Erick Berquist who were the best bowlers in the annual 'For the Fun of It' bowling event on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

Thank you to Jack Brownley and Cindy Massenelli for coordinating another 'For the Fun of It' Bowling event to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Special thanks to Bixby staff for flexibility during renovations.

Special thanks to Amy Hipple, Art Teacher at West Central, for representing FCBDD as a Judge for the Southwestern City Schools' Reflections Art Exhibit, themed "Reaching For It."

Career Milestones

30 years

Carl Curtis
John Huntzinger

15 years

Jeff Baird
Brenda Carpenter
Bonnie Ford
Julie Maynard
Robert Miller
Valerie Pitts

10 years

Lisa Anderson
Karen Gasaway
Kimberly Goleb
Teresa Prince
Nichole Redic
Julia Stevens

Bowling fun for Special Olympics

The 13th Annual 'For the Fun of It' bowling fundraiser for Special Olympics was a great success.

Close to 100 staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities gathered on Saturday, January 6th at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace. Whether good bowlers or not, the participants had a great time.

The highest female score was repeat winner Amanda Carroll with a three game total of 627. The high male bowler was Erick Berquist with a total of 602.

The winning team was Tyler Betts, Amanda Carroll, Keith Ogle and Brian Parks. The team with the greatest effort and enthusiasm and the most opportunity to improve was Sherita Kendrick, Sandy Ford, Lynn Wyche and Debbie Bailey.

Best bowling shirt honors goes to the Bixby Center staff who registered three teams.

Superintendent Morison said "this was clearly one of our best years, thanks to the ongoing efforts of Jack Brownley and Cindy Massenelli. It is a great time and good to have staff from different departments connect. And, every year volunteers Dominic Massenelli and Linda Brownley help to make the event run smoothly."

Cindy Massenelli stated that "we again had terrific support from people who provided donations of special prizes." Contributors included: Columbus Crew SC, Roof Management, Inc., COSI, The Funny Bone, IHOP Restaurant – Grove City, Meijer – Hilliard Store, Donatos, Grady Benefits, Columbus Children's Theater, Magic Mountain – Polaris Location, Frisch's Restaurant, and Cinemark Polaris 18.

It was a great day and all funds raised will benefit the Franklin County Special Olympics program.



Bixby Teams - Best Bowling Shirts



From left to right - Best Team: Brian Parks, Tyler Betts, Amanda Carroll, and Keith Ogle



Amanda Carroll



Erick Berquist

Winter weather

With winter weather upon us, we want to remind everyone to consider safety first. Even when buses are running, individuals, family members and caregivers can always decide not to ride the bus if weather presents challenges.

One of the differences in transportation provided by the Franklin County Board of DD is that it is provided on a door-to-door basis, so individuals do not have to wait at street corners. On occasion, FCBDD may selectively cancel routes in certain areas of the county, if conditions merit.

We also remain aware of parent/caregiver concerns who have sometimes indicated that our cancellations result in less coverage for their family member at their home or the residential site where the child or adult lives.

Special thanks to the Bus Drivers, Assistants and Mechanics who warm the buses and begin the routes early in the morning and who work hard to provide safe transportation on a daily basis.



Dateline

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Beth Savage, Vice-President
Marie Crawford, Secretary
Linda Craig
Dean Fadel
Renée Stein

Superintendent/CEO **Jed W. Morison**

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www.fcbdd.org

Calendar

February, 2018

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 3 Dancing with Our Stars Gala hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown at 6 p.m., 50 North 3rd, Columbus. For more information please go to www.dsaco.net/gala.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 21 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Presidents' Day - all county facilities closed.
- 22 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 26 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, ARC Industries Central Office, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

April 18, 2018
World's Largest
Provider Fair

at the
Ohio State Fairgrounds
in the Lausche Building
from
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.