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Salute to Dean Fadel

Dean Fadel, member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the past 13 years, will be recognized at the “2019 Community Star Awards and Salute to Dean Fadel” on October 1, 2019.

According to John Bickley, President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, “Dean has been an absolutely outstanding Board member, leader and resource for our Board and the entire state.” His service to the Board included time as President and for several years he served as President of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO stated “Dean has been with us for some of the most challenging years in our history. Not only did he provide guidance with local initiatives, he also had a huge impact statewide as one of the most respected and nicest people in our field.”

Dean’s guidance led to the establishment of a Self-Advocate Advisory Council, which meets with the Superintendent on a regular basis and reports to the Board. He also provided leadership to strengthen Ohio SIBS, supporting brothers and sisters of individuals who have developmental disabilities. Dean’s brother, Jeff, receives services from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Dean’s tenure on the Board will end in January, 2020 due to term limits. He has served three full terms, plus a partial term following the death of Dr. Raymond Horn in 2007.

Dean will be recognized at the 2019 Community Star Awards event to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Villa Milano. The event will also include recognition of the 2019 Community Star Award recipients. Registration information is included in this issue of ‘Dateline’.

2019 Community Star Award winners announced

Fourteen individuals and organizations have been selected to receive the 2019 Community Star Awards to be presented at Villa Milano on October 1, 2019. This year’s event will also include a Salute to Dean Fadel, Board member for the past 13 years.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, “we had so many strong candidates, it was hard for the committee to pick this year’s winners.” The awards are presented to individuals who were nominated based on their contributions to the mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, “helping people to live, learn, and work in our community.”

Over 500 are expected to be in attendance for the event. Marcus Thorpe will again be the Master of Ceremonies and the Dave Powers Trio will provide entertainment. A registration form for the event is included in this issue of ‘Dateline’.

Nomination categories include individuals receiving services, staff members, Providers, Employers, Volunteers, etc. Congratulations to those who will be recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments.
State Budget update

As reported in the July/August Dateline, the Ohio House, Ohio Senate and Governor DeWine have agreed on a budget for the two year period of July 1, 2019 through July 30, 2021.

Below are details regarding some of the initiatives related to services for individuals who have developmental disabilities:

DSP Wage Increase
The final budget bill sets aside funds to achieve to a state average wage of $12.82 for 2020 and at $13.23 beginning in 2021 for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

ICF Notification Requirements
Language added to the bill will require county boards to inform individuals and families about Intermediate Care Facilities when discussing residential options.

Summary Suspension Process
This summary suspension procedure authorizes a process for quicker provider certification suspensions when there are serious concerns for the safety of people receiving services from that provider.

Medicaid Reserve Accounts
This language will allow boards to create and maintain Medicaid reserve accounts.

Five Year Forecast
This provision requires boards to prepare five-year financial forecasts in an effort to assist in maintaining stability in services.

DODD Innovation Pilot Projects
The bill includes language allowing the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to authorize innovative pilot projects likely to serve the long-term goals of Ohio’s DD system.

Early Intervention
The law allocated $24.7 million in new money for early intervention services, including funds to support children with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Lead Exposure.

More details on the approved budget are expected to be included on the website of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Special thanks to state officials, Legislators, Governor DeWine and advocates for supporting legislation that benefits people with developmental disabilities.

Internet safety classes offered by Jack Beatty

Winston Tidwell is a FCBDD Service Coordinator, who, for most of his career, has assisted individuals with extreme behavioral challenges. In recent years, he has noticed increasing numbers of people that he serves getting into trouble with the internet.

Technology has brought broad opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities but there have been dilemmas as well. Problems can include financial exploitation, unsecured personal information on Facebook, cyber bullying, catfishing, and pornography to name a few. He began searching for informational resources to address these issues and was surprised to find comparatively little.

He discussed this with Lisa Chandler, Behavior Support Specialist at the Nisonger Center. She was very interested and had, in fact, developed some basic instructional materials through previous employment. In the absence of the availability of any formal training programs, they decided to join forces to develop a curriculum that could be used in regularly offered classes in Franklin County to assist individuals with issues around internet safety.

Their approach focuses on life stories that illustrate the dangers and emphasize the seriousness. These efforts have been supported by the Columbus Police.

Two hour overview classes are now offered on a quarterly basis and one hour classes on specific topics are offered in between.

The sessions are free and individuals can enroll by simply sending an email to: Winston.Tidwell@fcbdd.org or Lisa.Chandler@osumc.edu.

The class location will be confirmed at registration. Individuals must be accompanied by a family member, guardian, or staff for the purposes of assistance and follow-up. Winston and Lisa have been quite enthusiastic and thorough in the development of these classes and they have been extremely well received.

Classes remaining in 2019 are:
September 19, 2019: Protecting Yourself Online at 10am OR 6pm
October 17, 2019: Catfishing at 6pm
November 21, 2019: Quarterly Overview at 10am OR 6pm

Buddy Walk - September 29 at new location

The 2019 Columbus Buddy Walk to support the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) and the National Down Syndrome Association Society (NDSS) will take place on Sunday, September 29 at The Fortress, located at 2015 Recreation Trail, Columbus, Ohio 43207.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the walk is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Over 10,000 walkers are expected to participate.

According to DSACO, the event is being presented by IGS Energy. Inflatables, balloon artists, COSI and other fun activities are planned. For more information, call 614-263-6020.
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Mid-year update

Senior Management of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities met recently to provide a report on mid-year successes. It has been a busy and productive year to date.

Just some of the successes include:

- Finalization of the process to transition all adult staff and adult transportation and services to ARC Industries with no layoffs or disruption of services.
- Received perfect accreditation review for early childhood services and approved plan with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities on future initiatives related to accreditation.
- Continued to conduct assessments based on the new waiting list rule, with plans to complete close to 5000 assessments by the end of 2019.
- Established Co-Service Coordination teams with the Nisonger Center and reorganized behavior support services to better meet needs.
- Updated and established Records Retention policies and HIPAA standards.
- Successfully completed Ohio Highway Patrol bus inspections.
- Implemented 'living wage' for certain FCBDD staff, consistent with the County Commissioners 'Rise Together' initiative.
- Supported Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities initiative to raise minimum wage of Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) providing homemaker personal care for individuals in their homes.
- Established ‘Smart Apartment’ at West Central School to educate/demonstrate how assistive technology can enhance safety and independence.
- Established Provider Partnership with Provider Council to explore and implement additional partnership opportunities.
- Continued trauma informed care training and support.
- Supported legislation and implemented initiative to secure 12 month retirement credit for early childhood, school and transportation staff.
- Implemented and supported overall operations with completion of 21 technology projects and effective maintenance of IT resources and services.
- Maintained quality services within budget and consistent with levy plan. (2019 is the first year of the 10 year levy passed in 2017)
- Self-Advocate Advisory Council hosted Legislative Advocacy Day with over 200 in attendance and excellent legislator representation.

These are just some of the highlights of the first half of the year. Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO stated that “these successes wouldn’t be possible without an excellent staff, good Providers and support from the people we serve, their families, the community, our Board and Commissioners Boyce, Brown and O’Grady.”

In Memoriam

We are sorry to report that Martin Downs, Network Engineer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, passed away on July 19, 2019. Marty worked for the Board for close to nine years, providing excellent support to all Departments. We offer our condolences to his wife, Melissa and his other family and friends.

Calendar

September, 2019

2 Labor Day - Early Childhood and School classes and offices of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities closed.
5 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
18 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
COMMUNITY STAR AWARDS AND SALUTE TO DEAN FADEL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

Villa Milano • 1630 Schrock Road
Social Hour (Cash Bar) • 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Lasagna Dinner & Awards Presentation • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
$40.00/ Person • $320.00/ Table of Eight

Please join us for an opportunity to recognize some outstanding people who contribute to our community and to celebrate their achievements and visit with friends.

STAR AWARDS BANQUET

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Name(s):______________________________________     Address: ________________________________________
(Please Print)
City:  ____________________________   State: _______    Zip:  _____________    Phone:______________________

☐ Enclosed is $40.00 per person to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

☐ Enclosed is $320.00 for a table of eight (8) to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

☐ I cannot attend, however, I have enclosed a donation for this event.

Make checks payable to: Citizens Committee for Persons with DD

Send to: Community Star Awards
Attn: Amy Magginis
2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, OH 43219