



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

September 24, 2020

Board Members Present via teleconference: Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Beth Savage,
Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: John Bickley, Renée Stein

Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Gwynn Kinsel,
Amy Magginis, Larry Macintosh, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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

MINUTES

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on July 23, 2020, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot reported that revenue is at 49.1% and expenditures are at 59.6% at the end of August and is consistent with expectations at this time of year. *Usually real estate collections happen in August, but due to COVID-19 this occurred on September 22, 2020. The 2021 Budget request is for 245 million, which is lower than the 2020 budget. Increased EFMAP is a factor in this and next year there are 26 pay period versus 27 this year. Thanks to Jennifer Schueneman, Controller, Rachel Buske and the OMB team. Superintendent/CEO Morison stated that Dot Yeager, Jennifer Schueneman and Travis Sherick and others did excellent work with the Budget. Property tax collections came in close to budget, which is good news.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that July had little activity. August was active in hiring for the school year. The Combined Charitable Campaign is being chaired by Dr. Angela Ray with a goal of \$57,000 and the campaign runs from September 14 through October 30. We are at 15% of our goal within the first week.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Thanks to Board members for continuing to meet virtually. We expect this to continue throughout the year. The next meeting will be on October 22, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Related to COVID-19, we are aware of 148 individuals who have tested positive and sadly, 5 deaths since March, 2020. Recognizing that we serve several thousand individuals, we are pleased the numbers aren't greater.
- ◆ We have had a request from the Autism Society of Central Ohio requesting assistance with Saliva Testing for COVID-19. For some individuals, the nasal swab is too intrusive. We have identified a company (Vault Health), who can provide this and we will request Board approval to fund this through reimbursements to individuals or families. The test is provided just to those who need it per doctor approval. The cost is \$156.50/per test, which includes shipping, doctor approval, assistance with the process, lab results, etc. I will request authorization for up to \$10,000 (up to 64 tests) to establish this testing pilot project to possibly be coordinated through our Family Resources program operated by Boundless. Special thanks to Marie Crawford for assistance with this.
- ◆ Today, we will also request approval of our staff health insurance program for next year. We will be recommending a change to Anthem from United HealthCare, following our bid process. Dot Yeager has done excellent work with this process.
- ◆ We are excited about the re-start/in-person services for our preschool and West Central Students next Monday, September 28. Staff have done an excellent job preparing with safety precautions in mind. Temperature taking, social/physical distancing, sanitizing and more are all incorporated into the plans. Early Childhood, School and Transportation staff have worked very hard. Just recently the Superintendent/CEO visited the two early childhood centers and West Central and they seem well prepared. We have had some positive comments from parents on staff efforts to collaborate to support our students this past Spring and the past couple weeks, including the great job with graduation and virtual services after an abrupt closure due to the Pandemic. We have also had at least one family express concern regarding the level of services provided. As we stated in our Re-Start plan, for many of our students, certain technology lessons on zoom may not work as well, so our staff try to work in partnership with students or family members in a coaching model with different activities.
- ◆ The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and our Ohio Association of County Boards have recently sent out a news release announcing support for Providers in the community. The state and county boards have worked in partnership to provide a one-time payment to Homemaker Personal Care Providers and we will also be supporting the DSP wage increase. This does not impact our staff and these costs are supported with Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP). We have also worked with the State to increase funding to Adult Services Providers through the reimbursement rates based on acuity levels for the remainder of the calendar year.
- ◆ The Ohio Association of County Boards annual convention will be handled differently this year. Sessions will be held virtually on three separate weeks from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on November 17-19; December 1-3; and December 8-10. The concept is to have no more than four sessions per day to limit screen time. More information will be coming.
- ◆ We are looking forward to an Accreditation review from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities on November 17-19, 2020. The State Department will review programs and services for about 50-60 individuals who have Medicaid waivers. We look

forward to this opportunity to demonstrate to the state what a good job we are doing here in Franklin County.

- ◆ Next week, Superintendent Morison will be providing a virtual 2 hour In-Service to Board Members in Hardin and Union counties. The topics are Fiscal Obligations of County Boards and Levies. If any Board members would like to attend, please let me know.
- ◆ Our local Special Olympics programs are continuing to provide remote services. We recently heard a nice presentation from Ryan Phillips, our Coordinator, to our Self-Advocate Advisory Council, where he spoke about plans for a drive-through recognition banquet, FAN (Fun Activity Nights) and their Boredom buster packets. State events are currently suspended due to COVID-19.
- ◆ The 2020 Census effort will conclude on September 30, 2020 unless there is a one-month extension ordered through legal proceedings. Superintendent Morison has served as Chair of the Disability Committee for Mayor Andrew Ginther and Commissioner Kevin Boyce.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Crawford moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented via electronic means to Board members on the Finance Committee on September 24, 2020, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to endorse the 2.2 mill renewal levy, with a .65 mill increase, of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to accept proposal for health insurance coverage for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022, as reviewed by the Insurance Committee, from Anthem (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) at an estimated annual cost for medical and pharmacy coverage of \$12,768,112 for each year, dental coverage from at a per employee per month rate of \$69.92, vision coverage at a per employee per month rate of \$14.64 and Employee Assistance Program cost of \$1.04 per employee per month, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Columbus for counseling, referral and counseling services in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Heritage Day Health Centers for comprehensive adult day services, for up to 12 people, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$135,000 for the pilot program with The Learning Spectrum to provide medically necessary therapeutic services, which are not included in the child's Individual Education Plan and which exceed the service limits imposed by the child's health insurance coverage, to children with developmental disabilities who are not enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program, at various per-child, per-unit rates; including, but not limited to, occupational and speech therapy services, for the period beginning September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. *(approved in July for \$90,000 – increase is requested due to increased enrollment from expansion of capacity)*, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Mr. Underwood moved to accept bid for printer maintenance services from ComDoc, Inc. for the two-year period from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022, with option to renew for two one-year periods, at \$.007 per copy for black and white and \$.069 per copy for color, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize establishment of COVID-19 Saliva Testing Pilot Project, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Christine Brown shared about a new documentary she is involved with regarding developmental disability services. The Self-Advocate Advisory Council met with Jed recently. Christine watched a YouTube video on Medicaid Buy-In and learned new information regarding State Plan Amendments and asset limits.

Parent, Anna Salikhova shared her concern that her request for assisted technology for her fourteen year old son was denied. She applied for funds for a device for his therapy to be done at home. This was denied. Ms. Salikhova would like to know where the Board stands on this – what is behind the denial. She is concerned that children with autism are very isolated now.

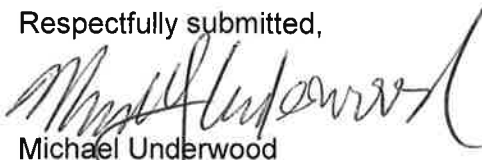
Superintendent/CEO Morison thanked Ms. Salikhova for sharing her concern. Medicaid waivers have certain restrictions as to what types of items can be purchased. I believe I understand your issue but we will need to check into this and see. The other option we have may be a Broadband grant program of the Ohio Department of Education. This may be an alternative on a loan/borrow type basis. We are approved for this grant but have not purchased yet (this would be separate from the waiver).

Board President Savage – thanked Ms. Salikhova for her comments and stated it is certainly a tough time for these children.

ADJOURNMENT

The September 24, 2020 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood
Secretary

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