



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

November 16, 2020

Board Members Present via teleconference: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford,
Renée Stein, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Beth Savage

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

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

MINUTES

Ms. Stein moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on October 22, 2020, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – RENÉE STEIN

Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison commended Renée Stein on her tenure with the Board, recognizing that Renée has been an outstanding Board member since she was appointed 12 years ago by the Franklin County Commissioners. Her leadership and support, including her insights as a parent of an individual served by the Board, has been invaluable to the Superintendent and to this community.

As a past President of the Board, a portrait of Renée will hang in the administration hallway with the following remarks about her time on the Board of Developmental Disabilities:

Renée Stein was appointed to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities effective in January, 2009 by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Her service on the Board extended through January, 2021 for a total of twelve years.

While a member of the Board, Renée held positions on all committees and served in each elected office, including President of the Board for 2014 and 2015.

Throughout Renée's tenure on the Board, two levies passed to allow for stable funding for services. During her term as President, Renée's leadership resulted in the Board achieving

a 5-year accreditation from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Expanded Medicaid Waiver services, establishment of transitional services for older school-age students, increased partnerships with school districts and expanded opportunities in early childhood education were all accomplished under Renée's leadership.

As a parent of a child who is eligible for services, Renée's perspective and support of children's issues was always evident. Renée was a consistent supporter of staff, including when she served as Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Superintendent/CEO Morison also presented Renée with a keepsake to display in her home or office.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot reported that revenue is at 98.2% and expenditures are at 68.6% at the end of October, which is consistent with expectations at this time of year. Four large contracts are before the Board today: Creative Housing, Goodwill Columbus, Boundless, and ARC Industries. Dot provided details on those contracts.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that October had little activity. We are doing limited hiring at this time. Jed mentioned that Human Resources continues to do good work in tracking staff members who have contracted the virus and assists in following federal requirements. The Combined Charitable Campaign has ended. We have raised over \$57,000, which exceeds our goal. Our campaign was chaired by Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology.

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the Budget & Finance and Human Resource & Ethics Reports, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Thank you to the Board members for flexibility in changing the date of this meeting. With Accreditation and the OACB Conference happening on November 19, we thought it would be best to change.
- ◆ Again, our congratulations to Renée Stein for excellent service to our Board. This will be Renée's last meeting unless we need to have a special meeting in December. The Franklin County Commissioners will appoint a family member of a child who is eligible for services to the Board.
- ◆ Staff and Providers continue to do a good job supporting individuals during this COVID Pandemic. Unfortunately, community spread has increased significantly. The good news is that, according to our experience and a recent communication from the Health Commissioners, there is not significant spread in the schools. We are only aware of one student who has tested positive. We are aware of over 198 individuals who have tested positive and sadly 8 deaths due to complications related to the virus since March or throughout the past 9 months.

- ◆ We are pleased to announce that Rita Price, formerly a reporter for the Columbus Dispatch, will be joining our staff on January 11, 2021 as our Communications Coordinator. Rita comes to the job with excellent credentials, including exemplary writing skills and experience covering human services stories related to those we serve and many others.
- ◆ Annually, per a requirement of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, we prepare an Annual Action Plan. We will hold a public hearing on the draft of this plan on November 30 and will plan to bring it to the Board for consideration in January, 2021.
- ◆ The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Convention will begin tomorrow. Due to the Pandemic, they will have sessions November 17-19, December 1-3 and December 8-10 with zoom sessions on each day. OACB has done a very nice job adapting to the change.
- ◆ Our Combined Charities campaign has ended with staff contributing or pledging over \$57,000. This is the highest of all county agencies and represents over 100% of our goal. Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology did an excellent job as this year's Chair of our campaign.
- ◆ Our Accreditation visit from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will take place from November 17-19. Reviewers from the state will review service plans, interview individuals and staff and provide us with their preliminary report on November 19. We look forward to the review, which will be done virtually. Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs and their staffs have done excellent work in preparation for this.
- ◆ We will have our budget hearing before the commissioners on November 18. We are requesting an expenditure budget of approximately \$244 million. If approved, this will continue us on our levy long term financial plan to stay off the ballot until our 10 year levy expires in 2028.
- ◆ One of the resolutions today is one piece of our Annual Action Plan that is required to be approved before the end of the year. It is called our Annual Plan and relates to our waiting list and plan for Waivers. Our Service Coordination staff have done excellent work assessing or attempting to contact all people who were on the waiting list based on the previous rule. The waiting list rule was revised about 2 years ago and now only people who have current needs that can be met with Medicaid waivers are on the list. Our proposed plan states that we expect to provide 100 individuals with a Waiver (25 per quarter) in 2021, which can be funded within our proposed Medicaid match budget. These waivers will replace waivers as attrition occurs.
- ◆ We want to remind people that COVID testing continues at the Ohio State Fairgrounds (Celeste Center) on a daily basis in conjunction with the Central Ohio Hospitals and the Columbus Health Department. People with or without symptoms can be tested and must register by calling 614-645-1519.
- ◆ We are pleased to announce that in January we will be starting a Pilot Project with Add to provide pre-employment transition services for students we serve at West Central School and our collaborative sites. The startup costs will be \$7311 and the ongoing costs for the services will be funded by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). Add expects to assign two staff for this, which may extend to other school districts and will complement our Transition to Work summer program. Services include job exploration, counseling, work-based learning, work place readiness (social/independent living skills), and instruction in self-advocacy. Previously, this

function was by a staff member, Lilian Beck, who did a good job of proposing this alternative.

- ◆ Just to give you a perspective on the financial implications of the Pandemic, let me offer a few comments. On the expense side, we have reached about \$200,000 in out of pocket costs for things like Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), upgrades to technology to reach those we serve and modifications to facilities. In addition, we have costs for expanded Medicaid services and the special contracts we have established for providers. We have also lost funding from DODD for Family Resources and we have helped Providers, including the increase in DSP wages.

On the revenue side, we have or will receive about \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and an additional grant for laptops with internet connections. And, because the federal government has increased their share of FMAP, which lessens our Medicaid match requirement, we will save dollars, which should offset these additional costs. We also hope to receive some additional CARES Act funding.

We will also be closely watching property tax collection for next year – to see if delinquencies impact our funding.

- ◆ Finally, as you may have seen, our preschool and school in-person classes will be closed on Thanksgiving week and over the 2-week Holiday break period. Service will continue virtually.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Stein 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 November 16, 2020, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with I am Boundless, Inc. to provide respite, family resources, and other services, not to exceed the amount of \$5,613,871 for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried with abstention from Renée Stein.
- c. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Creative Housing, Inc. to provide housing, rent subsidy, family home renovations, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$6,510,200, for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and for an additional amount, up to \$760,000 for matching funds potential projects to be funded jointly with DODD contingent on DODD approval and on FCBDD budget availability, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Stein moved to renew vehicle, liability, violence and property insurance coverage with the Ohio School Plan, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$138,187, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Furniture Bank of Central Ohio for 125 appointments at \$189 per appointment, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Stein to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus to provide for community and facility-based services; including, but not limited to, Adult Day Services and non-medical transportation (only for participants who are not enrolled on a waiver), Work and Community Services, and value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, not to exceed the amount of \$5,411,735, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for adult services participants who are not enrolled on a waiver and for other value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, not to exceed the amount of \$16,700,000, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously. Jed explained the current status of 'Pods' at ARC Industries workshops and the limited number of individuals that can attend. Dot Yeager has done a great job working with the Adult Services providers.
- h. Ms. Stein moved to authorize Superintendent to implement a market adjustment to pay ranges in the amount of 1.0% and authorization for the Superintendent to adjust up to an additional 1.0%, based on market conditions and job responsibilities, contingent on approval of the 2021 budget, to be effective January 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Underwood moved to approve the Annual Plan for the 2021 Calendar Year, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Bickley moved to accept bid from Waterworks for a base bid of \$174,326.11 with a contingency of \$17,483 for the West Central Backflow Prevention Improvement project, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Stein moved to accept bids for trash removal and recycling from Republic Services beginning 2/1/2021 through January 30, 2023 with an option with two one year extensions at various rates based on type of container and pick up frequency. The cost is estimated at \$44,390. Second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Ms. Stein moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew an agreement with the Franklin County Probate Court in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – Our Self Advocate Advisory Council will meet in December. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting will be held via Zoom. Christine Brown continues to provide good leadership on this council.


ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Christine Brown shared that a video documentary is set to go 'live'. Director Jeff Davis and Christine Brown will be in the video related to the COVID Research project. Some of the research questions needed clarified for accuracy. ARC of Ohio and parents are having discussions with Director Davis about the SELF Waiver. There is discussion of having internet costs reimbursed by Medicaid and she commented on food assistance requirements. There is also discussion on combining the Level 1 and SELF Waiver into one.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 16, 2020 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood
Secretary

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