



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

April 28, 2022

Board Members Present John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Marci Straughter,
via teleconference: Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Samuel Davis, Beth Savage

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, David Ott, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager,
Amy Magginis, Rita Price

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

MINUTES

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 31, 2022, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer provided the Budget and Finance report. Dot provided a monthly year to date report, a report by program category, and a detailed report of revenue and expenditures of the month to the Board. We have received 52.5% of estimated revenue and we are at 22.5% of projected expenditures.

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the Finance report, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report for the month of March. The Human Resources Training Center provided staff training by Zac Boyer from Stonewall Columbus on LGBTQ+ and Transgender Workplace Inclusion. The second of three \$500 'Premium Pay' federal payouts will occur. Approximately 375 FCBDD employees qualify for these funds. New recruitment videos will soon be available to promote recruitment and retention of staff. The agency's Equity Committee's Recruitment and Retention subcommittee suggested the videos. David shared that we are coming up on the end of the school year. West Central school will hold a virtual graduation on May 18. Plans for an in-person reunion in the future, for those that did not have in-person graduations due to the pandemic, are underway.

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- We are pleased to report that COVID numbers continue to be low, compared to the peak this past winter, however health officials continue to remind us that we are still in a pandemic and safety protocols are still very important. Some areas in the country are seeing spikes.
- Bridget Gargan, former CEO of the Ohio Association of County Boards has retired, effective April 11. Adam Herman is the interim CEO.
- OACB will have their Spring Conference on May 19-20, 2022 at the Easton Hilton. Information has been forwarded to Board members. If interested in attending any of the in-person or virtual sessions, please let Amy Magginis know and she will process registration.
- Our virtual graduation ceremony for West Central students will be held on May 18. Each graduate will be featured. Next year, assuming the pandemic is behind us, West Central plans to invite all the graduates for 2020, 2021, and 2022, to attend the in-person graduation to enjoy that experience as well. It is possible that West Central School staff will be featured on 10tv. Staff was nominated by Assistant Principal Joe Becker.
- Earlier this week, Superintendent/CEO Morison attended the Creative Housing Board meeting to thank the Board and staff for their good work and to provide updates. He also commented on their technology project to make internet available in homes for those willing to try remote supports.
- Consistent with the Board's endorsement of an initiative to generate additional Medicaid funding for Providers, Superintendents across Ohio, on behalf of their Boards, are working with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) to make this happen. Larry Macintosh is serving on a committee to develop protocols to be sure these funds get to Direct Service Professionals.
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services has extended the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for an additional 90 days or until mid-July, 2022. This means that many of the special rules that were adopted as a result of the pandemic will stay in effect. We are also checking to determine if Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) will continue through September 30, 2022 as a result of this approval.
- The ECE and School programs have just completed Spring Break and have approximately one month to end the school year. Early Childhood, School and Transportation staff have done an excellent job.
- Superintendent Morison has recently visited all of our adult services facilities. ARC Industries has done well with the transition to privatize in addition to handling the pandemic. The workshops are no longer doing production work but mainly providing habilitation services and seem to be adapting well.
- The County Commissioners have appointed Superintendent/CEO to serve another term on the Criminal Justice Planning Board and the Community Corrections Planning Board. The current Chair of these Boards is Sheriff Baldwin.
- Finally, we are excited to provide the Board with a preview of four videos featuring our staff that will be used to recruit. Rita Price, Communications Coordinator did an excellent job coordinating the production of these videos featuring Carol Middaugh, Jeannie Chai, George Barnett and JR Ridgeway. Our staff did a great job.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on April 28, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew an agreement with Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc., for early intervention services for toddlers not to exceed the amount of \$962,412 for the period, beginning August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve an addendum to the July 1, 2021 agreement with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for early intervention and pre-school services for an additional one-year term, beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$840,958, second by Mr. Bickley Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve an addendum to the July 1, 2021 contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dental services for an additional one-year term, beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$327,028, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution to donate obsolete bus seats to Southwestern City Schools per Section 307.12 of the Ohio Revised Code was not read due to the seats not being compatible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Superintendent/CEO Morison indicated that Christine Brown could not attend tonight's meeting but plans to attend next month and provide updates.

Marci Straughter indicated that she, Christine Brown, and Jennifer Schlegel attended a recent Columbus City Council meeting to accept a resolution specific to technology. The City of Columbus also adopted a resolution recognizing March as DD Awareness month.

The May meeting for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be held on May 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., utilizing the zoom platform.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – none

ADJOURNMENT

The April 28, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary

BW/am