



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  
September 22, 2022**

Board Members Present: John Bickley, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter  
Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Marie Crawford

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

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 28, 2022, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received updates year to date through August, 2022. Revenues are at 97.3% and expenditures are at 61.4%. To date we have received both of the Real Estate Tax installments which are 1% more than last year. Preparations for the next Biennium budget were discussed. A resolution will be presented for the board to consider of an estimation of commitment. The 2023 Budget has been submitted to the Franklin County Commissioners. Commissioners will consider the budget for approval in November or December. Health Insurance proposals have been received and are awaiting revised proposals and will request the Board to authorize the Superintendent to continue that work.

Ms. Straughter moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: John Bickley provided the Human Resources report for the month of July and August. Several Service Coordination, school and Early Childhood staff have been hired and were well prepared for the start of school. Our Combined Charities campaign has begun with a goal of \$57,200 – staff have responded well in the past. We expect negotiations to begin with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees next month. Special COVID leave provisions will continue through September 30, 2022, at which point staff will be able to use sick

leave for any illnesses, including COVID. Ethics Training was conducted in an all-manager meeting, this may be expanded for all staff.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Ms. Straughter Motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Thanks to the good work of our staff, our preschool and school programs are off to a good start.
- We expect to open another apartment at Kimberly Woods for our multi-system youth program for four young women later this month or in October. Special thanks to Lee Childs and Larry Macintosh.
- Our Special Olympics annual banquet will again be held outside on Sunday, October 2 at 2879 Johnstown Road. Our Special Olympics team does a great job with this.
- We continue to discuss ways to secure more state and federal funds for Direct Service Professionals. We would again like to contribute some of our savings from Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP) toward this effort.
- We had a nice visit recently from Representative Allison Russo (Ohio House of Representatives Minority Leader) and Senator Stephanie Kunze. We discussed state funding for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) and also indicated our support for Legislation that allows Board members to attend meetings remotely at times.
- While COVID-19 is still with us, we are pleased that our county is now at the low (green) risk level rather than medium risk. Symptoms are not as bad with the Omicron variant and the new booster that targets this variant is now available and encouraged. Special COVID leave provisions will continue through September 30, 2022, at which point staff will be able to use sick leave. Our Commissioners have recently approved a retention incentive for staff who have been employed since July 1, 2021 – throughout the Pandemic.
- Our Board will again be hosting Project STIR in October. Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) is an excellent training designed to help people with developmental disabilities to advocate in positive ways for themselves.
- We continue to provide space at ARC Industries North for Fugee Academy. They are doing some required renovations to the area of the building to meet code specifications. Fugee Academy educates children who are refugees.
- Our recent budget meeting with the Commissioners' staff went well. Our current proposal for 2023 expenditures is approximately \$245 million. The Commissioners will formally consider this in November or December.
- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council met earlier this month. Council members heard updates from the Superintendent and provided reports on Medicaid Buy-In Legislation, Project STIR, Synergy Conference, Legislative Awareness Day, etc.

- In an effort to promote remote supports, Creative Housing is offering financial incentives for people to meet to discuss remote supports and to pay for internet. Already over 200 people have signed up for meetings.
- We are excited for the return of the Community Star Awards event on October 26, 2022 at Villa Milano – please let me know if you can attend.

## RESOLUTIONS

- Ms. Straughter moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on September 22, 2022, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve health, dental and vision insurance and Employee Assistance Program for employees for the period beginning January 1, 2023, after consideration of Insurance Committee recommendations, in accordance with ORC 307.86(f) to be ratified by the Board in October, 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Epilepsy Alliance Ohio for counseling, referral and counseling services in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to accept proposal from Best Buddies to launch pilot project, "Citizens," for community-based one-to-one friendship program for adults for the period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried with abstention from Ms. Savage.
- Mr. Bickley moved to approve out-of-state travel for Ryan Phillips from August 8, 2022 through August 11, 2022 for MLS All Star event in Minneapolis, Minnesota, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize Superintendent to suspend family financial participation in school lunch program and to write off outstanding unpaid balances, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the sale of an MV 1 to the New London School District in the amount of \$17,500 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 307.12, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to auction vehicles that have become obsolete or unfit for public use as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 307.12(E) using Govdeals.com through Franklin County Public Facilities Management or through private auction, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- j. Mr. Davis moved to revise Board Policies 11.23 Technology and Equipment Usage and 11.26 HIPAA, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to sponsor Project STIR training, on an annual basis, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried with abstention from Ms. Straughter.
- l. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize a Retention Bonus from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent's estimate of additional Medicaid Stability Funds and EFMAP savings that can be used to secure additional federal and state funding for Direct Service Professionals with an estimate of \$3.2 to \$5.1 million to be effective in 2024, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Superintendent/CEO Morison reminded all Board members that the Special Olympics outdoor banquet will be held on October 2, 2022 and the Community Star Awards will be held on October 26, 2022.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Christine Brown reported that she will present to the National Association of State Directors on research that has been done as it relates to COVID-19 and individuals with developmental disabilities. Ms. Brown provided information regarding a proposed Remote Support Survey project and provided an update on Medicaid Buy-In. Christine shared a situation specific to Medicaid and Superintendent Morison indicated that he would discuss with Larry Macintosh, who was not in attendance at the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The September 22, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins  
Secretary

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