



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

October 19, 2023

Board Members Present: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Marci Straughter; Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Beth Savage, Michael Underwood

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

Guests: Marla Battiste, Rachel Indurti

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

MINUTES

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 28, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee and Board members have received the September 2023 finance report and year to date expenditure by program category report. Expenditures are at 69.1% and Revenue is at 96%. Dot provided details on the 2021 Cost Report audit and the 2022 Single audit from Franklin County. Superintendent/CEO Morison commended Ms. Yeager on the accuracy with projected numbers in the reports. Vice-President Crawford inquired about the Real Estate revenue – Ms. Yeager indicated the months of March and August are when the Real Estate revenue is calculated. We received that revenue in October this year.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: David Ott, Director of Human Resources reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of September 2023. Special Olympics will cook breakfast as a fundraiser for Special Olympics and Operation Feed on October 31st. Staff Development Day was held on October 13, training was effective and well received. The Combined Charitable Campaign is going well, we are over 58% to goal. Director of Early Childhood Education, Rebecca Love will receive the Crane Center Excellence in Early Childhood Practice award today at the Early Childhood Symposium. This award is state-wide and won by a singular winner. Congratulations to Becky!

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thanks to Board members for accommodating this change in our calendar for this Board meeting. Our November meeting will be on November 16.
- We are so pleased to announce that state officials have indicated that we will receive a 3 year accreditation, which is the maximum time period allowed. Their comments at the exit conference were very positive.
- Credit goes to many of our staff. Lee Childs and Becky Love and their staffs did a great job. Larry Macintosh coordinated the entire process. Other staff, including HR, Transportation and Administration, including Dot Yeager, provided great leadership. While we still have opportunities for improvement, we are very pleased with the outcome.

In addition to those people, there were two staff who really went above and beyond the call of duty.

Marla Battiste, Compliance Manager, began with us in January and was immediately asked to help with accreditation. Marla came to us from the Cuyahoga County Board of DD where she also worked in compliance. She has given us a new focus and understanding of compliance. She has provided training; she has helped us understand what a good ISP is; she has helped with reviews of all the plans selected. Marla did just an outstanding job with all of this and will be helpful as we continue to bring more of a compliance focus into our culture. Her good work is one of big reason we received a 3 year accreditation.

Rachel Indurti, Behavior Services Manager, with our Service Coordination Department continues to do excellent work and was very helpful with accreditation. Rachel oversees Co-Service Coordination staff who specialize in supporting people with behavioral challenges and plans. She has worked closely with Dynamic Pathways, Inc. to revise the Human Rights Committee process and was commended for her work related to behavior plans with restrictive strategies. And she works well with our partners, including Nisonger; Alvis House; Boundless and others. Rachel's good work is also one big reason we received a 3 year accreditation.

Thank you to Marla and Rachel.

- We will have our Salute to our pandemic heroes next Wednesday, October 25 at Villa Milano, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Several speakers will also comment on Jed's career.
- The OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards) annual convention will be held from November 29-December 1. Registration information is expected soon.
- Our Special Olympics team held their annual banquet on Sunday, October 15. Several hundred were in attendance. It was great fun.
- We will have an open house and special evening to recognize Becky Love, Director of Early Childhood Education on November 8, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Railhouse in the East Market/ Trolley District near Franklin Park. Becky will retire at the end of December. She has been an awesome visionary leader.

- ARC Industries is celebrating their 60th Anniversary this month. They started in October, 1963 as ARCraft. Jed Morison will present at their Board retreat on October 20.
- We expect to hear from Probate Judge Mackey about two Board appointments in the next month. Bill Wilkins and Beth Savage will end their terms on the Board on January 25, 2024.
- One of the resolutions for today is for a market adjustment for staff in the amount of 3% to be effective on December 18. This would be contingent on Commissioner approval.
- Finally, I'd like to take you all on a field trip to show you our new 'Changing Spaces' bathroom with an adult changing table. Thanks to Rita Price and Dot Yeager for managing this project. We will use this space for visitors needing special accommodations, but also will use this to show others (e.g. public spaces) how to renovate for adults who need special spaces. Thanks to Kim Boulter from Delaware county for prompting this consideration. The bathroom is just across the hall.

RESOLUTIONS

- Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as received by the Finance Committee on October 19, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to approve a market adjustment of 3% for all non-bargaining unit staff, effective December 18, 2023, and approval to extend the agreements with OEA and OAPSE for one year, contingent upon approval of OEA, OAPSE and the Franklin County Commissioners, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Davis moved to authorize Superintendent to renew an agreement with the Ohio State University School of Health and Rehabilitation Services for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$43,000., second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Straughter moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for early intervention services, not to exceed the amount of \$150,000 for the period beginning November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024., second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried with abstention by Mr. Bickley.
- Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Furniture Bank for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 at an annual cost not to exceed \$15,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Straughter moved to approve Board Policy 11.40 'Meeting of the Board: Electronic Participation' which allows for some remote attendance of Board Members at Board meetings held in-person, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Nationwide Childrens Hospital (Research Institute) for developmental evaluations and services for children ages zero to three and to eligible children through 5 years of age, who are inpatients, not to exceed the amount of \$402,300 for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to increase OAPSE incentive, which is considered earnable salary, in the amount of 22 cents per hour, contingent upon OAPSE approval, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to establish a backup plan for transportation support for employment or emergency purposes, when GT Independence (financial management service) does not process timely, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried with abstention by Ms. Straughter.

Superintendnet/CEO Morison explained recent situations communicated by individuals and families that have not been able to pay for transportation through their SELF Waivers due to difficulties with GT Independence, who provides financial management of the funding to the individuals/families for the state for their independent transportation services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Board member Straughter provided an update on the Synergy Conference where she presented on “The other ‘R’ Word.” Remote Supports seem to be improving. Ms. Straughter mentioned the Tech Ambassadors need some Tech Advocates – Tech Ambassadors are being run through We Thrive Together. Project STIR registration has gone out to Franklin County and will be held on December 12-14. Crystal Schneider can assist with registration for those in Franklin County. Ms. Straughter reported that the Central Ohio Self-Determination Association meeting on October 13 was well attended and that Janet Steffan and Keith Banner presented from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

Superintendnet/CEO Morison provided an update from Christine Brown who could not attend today due to a conflict. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor provided Christine with a proclamation of October 23 as Medicaid Buy-In Day.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – none

ADJOURNMENT

The October 19, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Vice President Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary

BW/am