



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

September 28, 2023

Board Members Present: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter, Michael Underwood

Board Members Excused: Bill Wilkins

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, Amy Magginis, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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

MINUTES

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on July 27, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received the July and August 2023 finance reports and have been given to Board members. Second half tax receipts which were a bit higher than budgeted and more than previous years due to higher residential taxes and commercial/industrial collections. Year to Date expenditures are at 65.3% and revenue is at 95.8%.

Ms. Yeager made note of Capital outlay in August was for the lift in the 'Changing Spaces' adult changing room at an amount of \$10,000 and other IT technology equipment cost was at \$23,000.

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the Finance report, second by Ms. Savage. 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 August 2023. The Combined Charitable Campaign has begun. Jennifer Schueneman, Controller is chairing the campaign. FCBDD staff are always responsive to this campaign. Our goal this year is \$57,200. The HR Training Center recently provided training on Human Trafficking. Topics included human, labor and benefit trafficking. Superintendent/CEO Morison noted that the labor trafficking started in depth evaluations of 14C – Sub minimum wage programs. The HR Department has grown the online training programs since the pandemic and have done a great job. Special thanks to David Ott. Legal Counsel Gwynn Kinsel and the Equity Committee have also done a great job with topics in our training center.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- We are finishing up our accreditation review today. This is a review from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to continue our accreditation. Over 15,000 pages of documentation were provided in advance of the review. Our exit conference will be today at 3:00 p.m.
- Last week, Dot Yeager and Jed Morison provided a presentation to the County Commissioners Levy Review Committee. We were told the presentation was well received. The good news is that we continue to be stable and on target with services, finances and our commitments.
- Our October meeting will be on Thursday, October 19 at Noon, one week earlier than normal.
- In the October meeting, we will provide the board with a policy proposal related to remote attendance at Board meetings. The policy draft will be based on recent legislation related to hybrid meetings and was given to Board members.
- We are looking forward to our Salute to Pandemic Heroes on October 25, 2023 at Villa Milano. This will also be an opportunity for Jed to thank those who have been supportive throughout his career.
- Provider rates will increase by about 30% in January, 2024 and an additional 8% in July, 2024. This is intended to increase average wages of direct service professionals (DSPs) to an average of \$18/hour in January and \$19/hour in July, 2024.
- We are also planning a celebration for Becky Love, Director of Early Childhood Education, on November 8, 2023 at the Railhouse in the East Market District, near Franklin Park. Becky will retire at the end of 2023, after an outstanding career. Kathy Lawton has been hired as her replacement.
- We had a Self-Advocacy Advisory Council meeting this month. The next meeting for the Central Ohio Self Determination Association will be held on October 13. Christine Brown did a great job presenting recently to the Nisonger LEND program regarding Advocacy. Her written report has been sent electronically to Board Members.
- We recently presented to the County Commissioners budget staff on our 2024 proposed budget of approximately \$255 million. The meeting went well. Commissioners will formally consider the budget approval in November or December.
- Recently, Board member Marci Straughter attended meetings in Baltimore and Washington D.C. to meet with officials with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and legislative staff on Capitol Hill. Marci represents self-advocates and our Board well. Ms. Straughter gave a brief summary of her recent travels and meetings.
- We learned this week that ARC Industries North is planning to move individuals from this location to Northeast, ARC West and Bixby locations. We will eventually ask for your approval to sell this building, similar to ARC East. ARC Industries North may soon go through the same process.
- Details were provided regarding the proposed resolutions to approve the sale of 2 buildings.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Davis moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as received by the Finance Committee on September 28, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Straughter moved Resolution to support the Ohio Association of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) recognition event in September 2023, in the amount of \$1,000, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Bickley 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew pilot program with Best Buddies "Citizens," for community-based one-to-one friendship program for adults for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000, second by Ms. Crawford. Ms. Savage abstained. Motion carried with abstention from Ms. Savage.
- e. Mr. Bickley 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 Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to accept bid from the H. T. Hackney Co. for the purchase of 909 Taylor Station Road, Gahanna, Ohio in the amount of \$2,200,000.00 and to recommend action by the Franklin County Commissioners, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion Carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Crawford moved to accept bid from Acquire Gen3, LLC, for the purchase of 4395 Marketing Place, Groveport, Ohio in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 including a 9 month leaseback at no rental cost, and to recommend action by the Franklin County Commissioners, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member John Bickley asked where the money from the sale of these buildings goes. Superintendent/CEO Morison explained that the Commissioners purchased the buildings with money from our budget. The Commissioners put the money from the building sale back into our budget. Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer noted that the County Administrator made consideration needs of other County agencies and none needed use of these buildings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Bickley asked how well the Northeast Center building is being used. Superintendent indicated that individuals served at ARC East have moved to alternate ARC Industries locations, including: Northeast Center, Bixby Living Skills and Marlane Drive. Goodwill Columbus and Head Start also use Northeast Center.

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Straughter reminded Board members that the Synergy Conference is this next week at Kalahari in Sandusky Ohio. Ms. Straughter will present on "The other 'R' Word".

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Christine Brown provided an update to the Board on the OSDA meeting to be held on October 13, 2023. Ms. Brown and Kyle Pigman will be doing a twice monthly podcast called Disability 24/7. A Remote Supports Survey is being conducted. Ms. Brown will speak at the November National Association of State Directors of DD Services about the COVID-19 Survey and what has changed since and plans moving forward. Ms. Brown invited Board members to attend the Self-Advocate Advisory Council on December 5, 2023 for a special surprise – Director Kim Hauck plans to attend. Ms. Brown's report was sent to Board members electronically due to multiple links in her report.

ADJOURNMENT

The September 28, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,


Bill Wilkins

Secretary

BW/am

