



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

January 25, 2024

Members Present: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Marci Straughter, Michael Underwood, Karen Wilkins

Members Excused: Samuel Davis

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

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

MINUTES

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 16, 2023, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager introduced Jennifer Schueneman, Controller for FCBDD. Jennifer has been with the county for 21 plus years. Jennifer provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates year to date through December 2023. Revenues are at 106.3% and expenditures are at 93.2% of budget. Quarterly report of expenditures by program category and trends were consistent with expectations. Due to the 2019 and 2020 Cost Report settlements and Medicaid Match Reconciliation, we came in under budget for 2023.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: David Ott, Human Resources Director reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of 2023 and everything seems to be in order. As typical at the end of the calendar year, there are some retirements. Several staff have been hired to fill vacancies. The 24/25 Program Year Calendars will be recommended for your approval. The Special Olympics Polar Plunge will be at Lower.com (Crew Stadium) on February 10. Franklin County has a strong showing at this event let by Ryan Phillips, FC Special Olympics Coordinator. The HR Training Center continues to be a valuable tool for staff. Required, annual trainings for staff, including DEI, Ethics and MUI trainings will be on the schedule for 2024.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Board Meetings

We are pleased to welcome our two new board members, Dean Fadel and Karen Wilkins. The revised schedule of meeting dates for 2024 is included in your board meeting materials. Please note that Committee meetings will be held prior to the board meeting at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and the board meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Board members received a copy of the policy detailing the availability of electronic participation of board meetings with 48 hours prior notice to the Board President. Board members are excused up to 3 times per year from board meetings.

Program Year Calendars for 2024/2025

Calendars for the 2024/2025 Program Year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) will be considered by the Board at the January 25, 2024 meeting.

Budget

The County Commissioners officially approved our 2024 budget last month, which allows for the Board's approval of the 3% market adjustment that was reflected on the first paycheck in January. Staff who have not yet achieved longevity also are eligible for an annual salary increase, based on performance. Merit awards are granted for exceptional performance twice a year.

Annual Action Plan

The Annual Action Plan for 2024 is recommended for approval. It is consistent with the board's long term strategic plan and has incorporated feedback, including the public hearing on December 4, 2023. The priorities of the board, include but are not limited to, continuing the good work that has been done to receive a three-year accreditation from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), our Levy commitment to stay off the ballot until 2028, and to strive for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in all services and relationships.

Grant Activity

DODD has approved the FCBDD grant application to seek local community organizations to install universal changing tables. Rita Price and Dave Nadolny, with the assistance of Critty Buenconsejo of Creative Housing/Creative Renovations, Inc., will work with community businesses as needed.

In the November 2023, our Board approved the purchase of five new propane buses, consistent with our vehicle replacement plan. This will allow us to submit for the Clean School Bus Rebate Program to receive \$50,000 for retiring two diesel buses.

Ted & Jean Williams

FCBDD was one of the beneficiaries of the Ted Williams revocable trust in the amount of \$284,787. Ted and his spouse Jean were long time advocates on behalf of their son, Tom, who attended ARC North and enjoyed Nisonger's Next Chapter Book Club. Efforts are underway to determine a fitting way to honor the memory of the Williams Family.

Advocacy

Central Ohio Self Determination Association

Thanks to Christine Brown, the Central Ohio Self Determination Association has started meeting again. The group met on January 12, 2024 at FCBDD conference room to learn about self directed transportation. Self-advocates from Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties were invited to hear from a panel that included representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation and GT Independence, the state's financial management service.

March DD Awareness Month

DD Awareness and Advocacy Day will be held at the Ohio Statehouse on March 12, 2024 at 10 a.m. **All means All – All Abilities All Voices All of us!!** is the theme for this year.

Registration fills up quickly and is underway. If board members need assistance registering for the event, please let Amy Magginis know. We look forward to seeing you at the Statehouse on March 12, 2024!

Facilities

In 2023, the board approved the sale of the former ARC South (Marketing Place) and ARC East (Taylor Station). Goodwill Columbus' Work and Community Services program that utilizes the Marketing Place facility plans to relocate to the former ARC North (Doubletree Avenue).

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Superintendent/CEO, as presented to Board members on January 25, 2024, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve the 2024/2025 Program Year Calendars, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent's Professional Development Plan, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve the 2024 Annual Action Plan, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to approve the expenditure of up to \$95,000,000.00 that Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is required to pay according to ORC 5126.059 and 5126.0510 for its ongoing financial commitment for Medicaid waiver match, for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager explained the large increase in expenditure related to Medicaid Waiver Match: the Enhanced Federal Match in place during the pandemic has expired and our share of the DSP wage increase is \$9.7 million, causing this increase in our waiver match.

Discussion of the DSP rate increase and of what measures are in place to monitor that the increased rates are actually making it to front line DSPs. Mr. Bickley asked that a report be given in a few months related to Franklin County DSPs and their receipt of increased wages. Mr. Fadel indicated that the legislature is concerned about this as well.

- f. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for the Transition to Work Summer Program at a cost not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the period beginning February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to auction vehicles that have become obsolete or unfit for public use as prescribed by ORC 1207.12(E) using Govdeals.com through Franklin County Public Facilities Management or through private auction, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to go to bid for 2024 West Central pool renovations, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Yeager explained updates to changing rooms, as well as some therapy areas are needed in the pool area. The base bid is estimated at \$900,000.

- i. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to go to bid for 2024 West Central outdoor learning environment soft surface replacement., second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to go to bid for 2024 HVAC replacements at 6633 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus OH, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the Ohio SIBS sponsorship, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Mr. Fadel indicated that Dianna Temple, Executive Director of Ohio SIBS is doing a great job with Ohio SIBS.

- l. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize a change to the amount as agreed upon in the November 16, 2023 Board meeting with Goodwill Columbus for adult day supports, non-medical transportation and related services in Work and Community Services program to participants not enrolled on a waiver and, for participants enrolled on a Medicaid waiver, to provide ancillary services not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the initial year; with an option to renew upon mutual consent for one additional term, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Mr. Fadel moved to go into Executive Session related to a personnel matter and an eligibility matter, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Roll call was taken by Ms. Magginis:

*Voting 'Yes' – Mr. Bickley, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Wilkins, Ms. Crawford,
Mr. Underwood*

No members voted 'No.' (none)

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board reconvened the Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

- n. Following Executive Session, Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Prosecutor's office to attempt to settle a Worker's Compensation claim for D.E-C. up to recommended amount, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

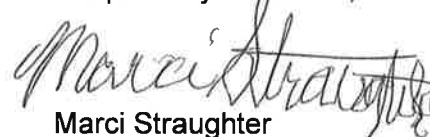
- a. Mr. Fadel moved to award the bid to Cardinal Bus Sales and Service, Inc. to purchase five 48-passenger accessible buses in the amount of \$753,865.00, facilitated by the META cooperative purchasing agreement, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Board member Ms. Straughter shared that she will involved with a webinar related to Angel Sense on February 21.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Christine Brown provided an update to the Board related to H.B. 3380. Central Ohio Self-Determination Association met on January 12 and discussed Transportation and Remote Supports. The group will meet on March 1, 2024 at the North area library, with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. The topic will be about the Work Incentives Group, those who are 65 years old and older with disabilities – related to aging out of Medicaid Buy In and continuing to work. Disability 24/7 Podcast with Christine Brown and Kyle Pigman will focus on the topic of Fitness for People with all types of Disabilities. Christine continues to be involved with research/surveys on Nursing and on Remote Supports. An update to the Affordable and Accessible Housing/ Fair Housing act is due.

The January 25, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of board member Dean Fadel.

Respectfully submitted,



Marci Straughter
Secretary

MS/am