



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
February 22, 2024**

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

Staff Present: Dot Yeager, Lee Childs, Angie Franke, 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. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the organizational meeting held on January 25, 2024, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 25, 2024, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Board Vice-President and Chair of the Finance Committee Samuel Davis provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates through January 2024. Revenues are at .6% and expenditures are at 3.8% of budget. \$553,143 was received from DODD which will be disbursed to Creative Housing for ongoing housing acquisition and renovation. \$284,787 was received from the Ted Williams revocable trust. ARC Industries has been working on a proposal for how to best honor the memory of the Williams family.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Board Member John Bickley, Chair of the Human Resources Committee reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of January 2024 and everything seems to be in order. The Service Coordination department's new hire class is underway. The Special Olympics Polar Plunge was a great success. Franklin County had the largest team ever with 56 'plungers'. The Franklin County team was the top fundraising team for the 5th year in a row – raising over \$43,000. Superintendent Dot Yeager and Service Coordination Director Lee Childs raised funds for the Polar Plunge by doing a 'Chilly Toes' contest. The Polar Plunge theme was 'The 80s' – Franklin County had the top costume contest winner.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

March is DD Awareness Month

There are many activities planned for the month of March: March 12 is the date for the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Statehouse Atrium. The theme is 'All means All: All abilities, all voices, all of us!' The program is from 10 to 11, followed by opportunities to meet with legislators. The Family Resources Network of Ohio is hosting an event on March 14-15, Charting the Life Course. DODD, OACB and Christine Brown will host a Fear Factor training on March 26. FCBDD Family Support meeting is on March 27. The FCBDD Provider Fair will be at the Kasich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds on March 27 from 11 to 7 p.m.

Self-Advocate Advisory Council

The FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council (SAAC) will meet in-person on March 21, 2024 at the FCBDD Administration Center. The Self-Advocate Advisory Council meetings occur quarterly.

OADSP

OADSP and Silfies Media has extended an invitation to the exclusive DSP Docuseries 'Something To Be Proud Of' which is an unprecedented visual project about Direct Service Professionals – this is a preview event on the evening of March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Open Door Art Studio and Gallery, 1050 Goodale Blvd. RSVPs are required by March 4 – Board members should contact Amy Magginis if details are needed.

Accreditation Follow-Up

Progress on the Plan of Correction was provided to DODD in January. Service Coordination provided data on the timeliness of Individual Service Plans, with 88% meeting the requirement to be completed at least 15 days before the end of the span. Service Coordination is working hard to improve this to a target of 97% as processes are streamlined.

The MUI Stakeholder Committee is scheduled to meet on March 13 and includes representation from providers, guardians and a self-advocate. Another update will be provided at the end of March. Thanks to Marla Battiste, Manager of Provider Support and Review, for overseeing this work and to the Service Coordination and MUI teams.

Board Member Mr. Underwood asked if the 97% target was related to accreditation? SC Director Childs indicated that this is a self-imposed target. DODD will return in April to evaluate our progress.

Changing Spaces Grant Opportunity

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to offer a grant program to assist public and private organizations and businesses with the cost of installing universal changing tables. Thousands of Franklin County residents and visitors to the Columbus area have disabilities that make it impossible for them to use the toilets in standard, or even ADA-compliant, restrooms. They need access to adult-sized changing tables to ensure a safe, dignified and hygienic experience. Adult-sized, or universal, changing tables can be used by people of all ages, from infants to the elderly. Public venues that provide this option help to make our community inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Applicants must be public or private entities in Franklin County and grants are to be used for facilities that are open to the public. Requests for funding up to \$15,000 are encouraged, based on the estimated project cost. Applications will be accepted until Sept. 15, 2024, or until all funding is granted. Grant awards are to be expended on changing-table installation projects no later than December 31, 2024. Special thanks to Rita Price and Dave Nadolny for assisting with this project.

An Open House for the Changing Spaces model at Johnstown Road is scheduled from 12-1 p.m. on March 21.

Provider Rate Increase Impact Survey

The coalition of agencies who successfully achieved the 2024 provider rate increases is comprised of the following agencies:

Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB)
Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA)
The ARC of Ohio
Ohio Health Care Association
Values and Faith Alliance
Ohio Waiver Network

As follow up to the rate increase, the coalition is seeking input from providers on how the rate increase is impacting services. The first step is to establish baseline data from the quarter ended on December 31, 2023. Questions about the survey can be directed to Scott Marks or Christine Touvelle with OPRA.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Davis moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Superintendent/CEO, as presented to the Finance Committee on February 22, 2024, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve sponsorship of PAR (Professionals Advocates Resources) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, on an annual basis, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve sponsorship of OADSP (Synergy Conference Scholarship) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000, on an annual basis, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried with abstention from Ms. Straughter.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve the agreement with The Ohio State University, on behalf of the Nisonger Center, to provide clinical support services for the benefit of individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) and complex behavioral health needs, to achieve safety, stability and an improved quality of life, in an amount not to exceed \$192,400, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried with abstention from Ms. Straughter.
- e. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House (Lifetown) for opioid prevention program for the period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$17,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House (Lifetown) for simulated learning environment services for the period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in the annual amount not to exceed \$50,000, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to go to bid for 2024 West Central classroom improvements, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

- h. Mr. Davis moved to declare March as DD Awareness Month, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to correct the 2024/2025 Program Year Calendars for West Central School and Early Childhood Education to reflect that November 27, 2024 is the Parent/Teacher Conference day and not November 20, 2024, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Board Member Ms. Straughter provided an update on the 5 OSDA Board Members attending the National Conference in Baltimore, MD in March. Ms. Straughter provided the Board with the Project STIR dates for events across Ohio. OSDA may be able to provide support for Ms. Straughter to attend the April 2024 Charting the Life Course showcase in Missouri. Ms. Straughter took part in a presentation on Angel Sense with the Tech Ambassadors. Ms. Straughter spoke on the Technology Showcase. Superintendent Yeager indicated that we will be looking at our West Central School Smart Apartment to determine whether to refresh the space or identify an alternate site.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Self-Advocate Christine Brown reported that Superintendent Yeager visited OSU Nisonger Center. Suggested that when looking at refreshing the West Central School Smart Apartment, to include a stove that has the automatic shut-off when a person is too close to the stove as a safety feature. Ms. Brown indicated that on March 21 at the SAAC meeting Kraig Walker with People First, Carolyn Knight with the DD Council and Lisa Burt from DODD will attend and provide updates to the self-advocates. On March 1st – Central Ohio Self-Determination Association will meet at the Columbus Library at 1423 North High Street – the Ohio Department of Medicaid will provide an update on the new age group of 65 and up. Ms. Brown suggested that FCBDD's DEI Coordinator become familiar with the LEND Curriculum on Diversity. RRTC (Rehabilitation Research Training Center) provides information on how to include people with Intellectual Disabilities in research. Ms. Brown will attend the Public Policy Summit in Washington DC in April.

The February 22, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board President Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,



Marci Straughter
Secretary

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