



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Dot Yeager  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  
April 25, 2024**

**Members Present:** John Bickley, Marie Crawford; Samuel Davis, Dean Fadel, Michael Underwood; Karen Wilkins\* (\*attending virtually)

**Members Excused:** Marci Straughter

**Staff Present:** Dot Yeager, Lee Childs, Angie Franke, Gwynn Kinsel, Kathy Lawton, Larry Macintosh, Amy Magginis, David Ott, Rita Price, Jennifer Schueneman

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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 March 28, 2024, second by Mr. Davis. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Board member Davis, Chair of Finance Committee, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates through March 2024. Revenues are at 48.6% and expenditures are at 22.8% of budget. Revenues are consistent with projected 2024 budget. First half real estate revenues were received in the amount of about \$100 million, which was slightly less than 2023 collections. The second half is expected to remain on track with the projection. Waiver match reconciliation revenue was received in March 2024, as compared to receipt in April 2023.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion passed unanimously.

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Board Member Bickley, Chair of the Human Resources Committee, reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of March 2024, and everything seems to be in order. Effective April 1, Ryan Phillips started his new role as Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations, which created an opening for Manager of Special Olympics. The annual Operation Feed campaign, in support of the Mid-Ohio Food Collective is underway thanks to Communications Coordinator Rita Price. Health screenings for staff have been scheduled for the month of May.

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **Project STIR Reunion**

The Ohio Self Determination Association's Council of Ohio Leaders invites all Project STIR graduates to the annual Project STIR reunion, Friday, May 3, 2024, 10:30 to 2:30 at Highbanks Metro Park; \$10 per person.

### **OACB Spring Conference**

The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) will have their annual Spring Conference on May 16 & 17, 2024 at the Hilton Downtown. Board Members who would like to attend the conference can contact Amy Magginis or Dot Yeager for registration details.

### **Accreditation Update**

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has accepted the follow up provided by the FCBDD team to the Accreditation review report DODD issued last fall. Thanks again to those who led these efforts, especially Larry Macintosh, Lee Childs, Marla Battiste and Rachel Indurti. While we are pleased with the conclusion of that periodic review, we will be working across all of our departments for suggestions for ongoing continuous improvement opportunities, focusing on the best ways to keep the people we serve at the forefront of our work, to hear their wants and needs and to ensure they receive the services needed.

### **Psychology Department Update**

Plans are underway for the transfer of the Psychology Department to ARC Industries on July 1, 2024, as approved at the March board meeting. A celebration of the many years of service of the Psychology Department is planned for Wednesday, June 26 from 1-3 p.m. in the Board Room.

### **State of the County Presentation**

The event will be at 11:30 a.m. on April 24, 2024 and will be livestreamed via Facebook. This is sponsored by the County Commissioners and will highlight the accomplishments over the past year.

### **Goodwill Work and Community Service move to 6633 Doubletree**

Plans, renovations, and repairs are underway for the move from 4395 Marketing Place to 6633 Doubletree, scheduled for June 2024. Goodwill was able to bill Medicaid for this program beginning February 1, 2024.

### **West Central School Graduation**

Our West Central School graduation is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the school. Board President Marie Crawford, a West Central parent alum, will be the keynote speaker. It's always a fun and touching event, with lots of smiles and happy tears, and we are looking forward to honoring the Class of 2024 and their families. The evening also will include a dedication to former FCBDD Director of Schools and Special Services Jack Brownley, who passed away in March. Board members are invited to attend.

### **Staff and Bus Driver Appreciation Days**

The Transportation department will celebrate staff on Tuesday, May 7. West Central school staff will be honored on Wednesday, May 8. Early Childhood Education programs and partners will recognize all staff on Monday, May 13. Service Coordination plans to have food trucks for staff in May. Plans for celebrating our administration staff are underway for Thursday, May 9.

### **Adam Stuart Linhart Memorial Fund of Columbus Foundation**

An opportunity to present project proposals to the Columbus Foundation for innovative activities aiding students with special needs and their families are due by July 1, 2024. Superintendent Yeager will share the information at the Central Ohio Superintendent's Association (COSA) meeting and at the Franklin County Family and Children First Council (FCFCFC).

**Save the Date – FCBDD’s Community Star Awards (October 16)**

Plans are underway, but mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 16 to celebrate extraordinary community members at FCBDDs Community Star Awards, more details to share soon!

**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 April 25, 2024, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to amend the agreement with I AM Boundless, Inc. dated March 1, 2023, for different rates per hour and to extend the end date of the agreement to December 31, 2024, and revise the not-to-exceed amount to \$3 million for the revised contract period, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to amend the agreement with I AM Boundless, Inc. dated January 1, 2024, to revise Attachment A to use \$860,562 for additional Multi System Youth capital improvements for Kimberly Woods to support an additional 6 youth and to revise attachment B, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with the Ohio State University College of Education (Buckeye Behavior Support) to provide support in early language, functional communication, beginning reading skills and behavioral supports for the year beginning August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2025, at a total cost not to exceed \$99,736, second by Mr. Davis. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio’s (DSACO) Adult Literacy Project, at an increased amount, not to exceed \$50,000 to support a total of 20 learners, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Bickley, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried with abstention from Mr. Fadel.

Mr. Fadel, a member of the DSACO board shared that Chris Lemmons of Stanford University is involved with DSACO and the literacy project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS – none**

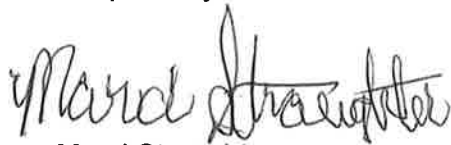
**ANNOUNCEMENTS – none**

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Self-Advocate Christine Brown was unable to attend the meeting today, however, she asked Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager to provide a quick synopsis: Ms. Yeager shared Christine's update on current projects at OSU Nisonger Center, including the nursing survey. Christine attended the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. on April 7-10, 2024. Some of the topics discussed at the seminar were: the marriage penalty; HCBS and the Autism Care Act; SSI Restoration Act which increases asset limits; the Direct Care Workforce Crisis. Central Ohio Self Determination Association has invited Creative Housing to present the meeting scheduled on May 10, 2024 at FCBDD's Administrative Center (2879 Johnstown Road). OSU Nisonger Center is applying for a grant from DODD on training SSAs and family members.

**The April 25, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board President Crawford.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marci Straughter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Marci Straughter  
Secretary

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