



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
March 28, 2024**

Members Present: John Bickley, Samuel Davis, Dean Fadel,
Marci Straughter, Karen Wilkins* (*attending virtually)

Members Excused: Marie Crawford, Michael Underwood

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

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to
order by Board Vice President Samuel Davis.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 22, 2024,
second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Board member Fadel provided the Budget and Finance report. The
Finance Committee has received budget updates through February 2024. Revenues are at 1.0%
and expenditures are at 18.0% of budget.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the Finance report, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis,
Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, 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 February 2024, and everything seems to be in order. April will begin the agency's
Operation Feed campaign, in coordination with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. Chuck Davis with
the MUI department provided an update to board members during the committee meeting.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Special thanks to Angie Franke, who is filling in for Amy Magginis who is on vacation.

March is DD Awareness Month

March 5 – Commissioners asked Dot to help kick off the month at their meeting. More than 500 people gathered at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on March 12 for DD Awareness and Advocacy Day. The theme was *'All means All: All abilities, all voices, all of us!'*

The Franklin County Commissioners' Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion featured FCBDD during a lunch-and-learn session on March 13. Superintendent Dot Yeager; Board member Marci Straughter; Self-Advocate Christine Brown; Special Olympics Director Ryan Phillips and Volunteer Kayla Kauzlaurich shared great information with the group. The session can be viewed on the Facebook page for the Franklin County Commissioners.

Franklin County Public Health also featured FCBDD at their monthly update. Special thanks to Self-Advocate Christine Brown for asking Columbus City Council to adopt a resolution for DD Awareness month at its March 25 meeting.

Jack Brownley remembered

Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Services passed away on March 3rd. Jack will be greatly missed and remembered as a lifelong advocate for people with developmental disabilities. During his two decades of services to FCBDD, Jack also served as President of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

Spring Recess and Solar Eclipse Information

Early Childhood Education programs and West Central Schools Spring recess is scheduled from April 1st through April 5th. Due to the solar eclipse and expected heavy traffic related to the solar eclipse on April 8th, Early Childhood classes, West Central school programs and transportation services will be closed and will re-open on April 9th.

Self-Advocate Advisory Council

The FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council (SAAC) met in-person on March 21, 2024 at the FCBDD Administration Center. The Self-Advocate Advisory Council meetings occur quarterly. Kraig Walker from ARC of Ohio provided an update on People First of Ohio. Lisa Burt from DODD presented on the Accreditation process and the emphasis on Advocacy. Kim Boulter from Changing Spaces presented on the universal changing table project.

Changing Spaces Open House Scheduled – March 21 at Noon

Rita Price, Communications Coordinator hosted an open house for the Changing Spaces adult changing area at 2879 Johnstown Road on March 21 from 12-1 p.m. Highlights of the available grant funding and new video highlighting the new space were shared. Special thanks to Rita for keeping up with the details here but also within the community. She is leading the effort to distribute \$150,000 of grant funding from the State of Ohio to entities in our community to install universal changing tables.

Those attending the open house were from: CAPA; Peace Lutheran; City of Hilliard; Experience Columbus; Columbus Recreation and Parks; and Franklin County.

Family Support Meeting – March 27

Dot Yeager, Superintendent/CEO hosted the FCBDD Family Support meeting on March 27 at Noon, using the Zoom platform. Several new family members joined the support meeting and then subsequently attended the Provider Fair after the meeting.

Provider Fair on March 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The FCBDD Provider Fair was held on Wednesday, March 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kasich Building at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Thanks to Joni Sparks, Larry Macintosh, and Lee Childs and their teams for organizing and volunteering.

West Central School Prom

West Central School will have their Prom on April 26th. The theme is “Disco!”

April Events

Charting the LifeCourse – April 9, 2024 through Family Resource Network of Ohio (www.FRNOhio.org)

13th Annual Nisonger Center – Ohio LEND poster symposium is April 11. April 4 RSVPs are due.

Literacy Documentary Screening – April 16 (Right to Read)

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Fadel moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Superintendent/CEO, as presented to the Finance Committee on March 28, 2024, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for early intervention and pre-school services for a one-year term, ending June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$883,510, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dental services for a one-year term, ending June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$370,522.93, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dual diagnosis services, not to exceed the amount of \$150,771.40, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for the PIECE Transition Services project for the period beginning August 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, not to exceed the amount of \$51,993, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for behavior support services, not to exceed the amount of \$1,900,000, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, second by Mr. Bickley. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for social support and recreation services, including Next Chapter Book Club, not to exceed the amount of \$217,757.45, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the revision of Board Policy 6.20 Leaves of Absence Without Pay, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to reject the bids for West Central Pool Renovations and request rebid, second by Mr. Bickley. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to accept the bids for the West Central School playground resurfacing from Mid-State Recreation, LLC in the amount of \$133,908, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bickley asked if this was resurfacing with the same product. Superintendent Yeager indicated that the previous product seemed to not hold up well and will check into what product is being used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

- k. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to amend the Master Agreement with ARC Industries, Inc., dated January 1, 2022 and previously amended on October 1, 2022. This second addendum is effective April 1, 2024, related to employees who remain employed by FCBDD in the psychology department, as of June 30, 2024, to offer positions of employment with ARC Industries, Inc., second by Mr. Bickley. (Vote of Yes: Davis, Straughter, Bickley, Fadel, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Board Member Straughter will not attend the April Board meeting due to presenting at the National Charting the LifeCourse event in Missouri – she will be presenting on technology.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

Christine Brown provided an updated regarding the Provider Fair and the largest sign-up ever for the email list. An upcoming topic for Central Ohio Self Determination Association will be "Voting." DODD will speak at Johnstown Road during the July meeting, related to the provider rate increase and waiver changes. Board member Fadel plans to attend. Christine shared that they are looking into how to raise money for Self-Advocates – a possible way would be to sponsor a 5K. Christine has been appointed to a City of Columbus advisory council. The remote support project is ongoing, people are beginning to understand this is not solicitation but part of a research project. Kyle Pigman and Christine continue to provide a podcast called 24/7. Nisonger is trying to develop a list of doctors through a project called "Link In". This is a CMS grant funded project to list doctors across central Ohio that are skilled in working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Please share any exceptional doctors that you have experienced.

Christine was excited to share that there are approximately 20 local Service Coordinators attending the Charting the LifeCourse online event. Christine will be going to Washington DC April 7-10 to share research.

Other input from the public:

Audience member indicated that Nisonger was a great resource.

Audience member shared a situation that a local rehab facility refused to allow them to stay with their adult child with IDD. They feel that this issue needs to be addressed.

Board member Bickley indicated that in their experience, Gahanna Family Physicians are incredibly receptive – good at general care for those with a developmental disability. Christine asked board members to share with Superintendent Yeager any doctor office specifics (address, phone number and specialty to be added to the list).

The March 28, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board Vice President Davis.

Respectfully submitted,


Marci Straughter
Secretary

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