



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
June 27, 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, 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 regular meeting held on May 23, 2024, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Board member Mr. Davis, Chair of Finance Committee, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates through May 2024. Revenues are at 55.2% and expenditures are at 41% of budget, consistent with the 2024 Budget. OPERS approved the carryover status for staff of the Psychology Department in conjunction with the transition to ARC Industries. Those staff are able to remain in the OPERS retirement system.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Board Member Mr. Bickley, Chair of the Human Resources Committee, reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of May 2024, and everything seems to be in order. Superintendent/CEO Yeager shared a revised Table of Organization that includes the Director of Educational and Shared Services.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Self-Advocate Advisory Council

The Self-Advocate Advisory Council of Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in-person on June 20 at our Administration building. Tracey Manz, Project Manager, Family Resource Network of Ohio (OSU Nisonger Center), presented on Charting the Life Course. Rita Price provided a Communications Update and solicited feedback on a proposed new agency logo. Christine Brown shared a brief update on supported decision making legislation and a list of legislators. Feedback was requested from the group on the preferred date and time for a future presentation from Disability Rights Ohio on voting rights for persons with disabilities before the August voting registration deadline. Feedback was also requested from the group on local food/catering businesses that hire people with developmental disabilities so that those establishments can be supported.

Central Ohio Self Determination Association

Christine Brown has announced the agenda for the next meeting of the Central Ohio OSDA will be at the Franklin County Board of DD on July 12, at 10:30 a.m. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will present on the changes to the Home and Community Based Waiver to take effect on July 1.

Psychology Department Transition Update

The Psychology Department will transfer to ARC Industries on July 1, 2024, to support the people we serve, consistent with ARC's strategic direction for the next two years that emphasizes serving the "whole person." A celebration of the many decades of our Psychology Department was held on Wednesday, June 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Board Room at Johnstown Road. Many previous staff came back to join in the celebration.

Summer Center and Transition to Work Summer Programs

Around 50 students are attending Summer Center at West Central School, which began June 3 and ends July 5. Due to unforeseen HVAC issues, Summer Center was closed on June 20 and 21. The Transition to Work summer program, also at West Central and coordinated for FCBDD by the Hattie Larlham agency, begins July 8 and ends July 31, with 40 attendees expected. Early Childhood's summer program also begins July 8 and ends August 2 and will be held at Johnstown Road.

Building Updates

Goodwill Work and Community Services Program has now relocated to 6633 Doubletree (in the Busch Corporate Center) from its previous location at 4395 Marketing Place, which is scheduled to close on July 1. Thanks to Jennifer Marshall, Tiffany Martin, and the entire Goodwill team for embracing a new location.

On June 20, the sale of 909 Taylor Station Road was completed and the proceeds of over \$2.1 million was deposited in the county treasury and will be recorded as 2024 FCBDD revenue. Many thanks to the County Commissioners, County Administrator Wilson, Jesse Armstrong and Jeanine Hummer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Mike Boyce, Greg Marinelli and the Facilities team and Dave Nadolny for their efforts in getting the different sites cleaned out and spruced up for their next purposes.

FCBDD Printing Operations

Another change in the way FCBDD operates is happening this summer: Carl Scott has announced his retirement after 30 years with our agency. His creativity and dedication will be missed. Our printing needs will be supported through the Franklin County Purchasing Department, which operates a graphics and printing function. Thanks to Travis Sherick and Jennifer Schueneman for working through the logistics of this change.

Special Olympics Summer Games

We are looking forward to the opening ceremony for the 2024 State of Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28, at Ohio Stadium at the OSU. Thanks to Megan Bender, our new Special Olympics Manager, for leading her first Summer Games. A detailed program can be found at the Special Olympics Ohio website: <https://sooh.org/>

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 May 23, 2024, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Alvis House for behavior support services, at specified rates per hour, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried with abstention by Mr. Davis.
- c. Ms. Wilkins to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Franklin County Family and Children First Council in support of the Celebrate One initiative beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried with abstention by Mr. Davis.
- d. Mr. Underwood moved to award the bid for West Central Pool area renovations to Setterlin Building Company for a base bid of \$1,394,400, alternate 1 Therapy Room \$91,200, alternate 2 Acoustic Panel Ceilings \$8,700 and a contingency of \$225,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. The resolution to accept recommendation of Ethics Council for board member employment has been tabled.
- f. Mr. Fadel moved to revise program year calendars for 2024/2025 program year, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

Board member Bickley shared a situation that occurred with his adult daughter related to their Provider Agency, this provided an opportunity for him to sit down with the Agency's leadership and discuss the problems the agency is experiencing with hiring, retention and consistency. Board President Crawford and Board member Fadel agreed with the current issues and shared some of the difficulties they have experienced. Ms. Crawford is concerned when there is an individual with significant needs, and she questions if their needs are being met with what happens daily. Mr. Fadel shared that there is little consistency when you have a different provider daily,

he gauges his expectations with caution understanding the current provider shortage. Ms. Crawford shared that it is okay to limit your expectations until there is a situation that is unacceptable. Ms. Straughter shared that her providers are college students and change pretty much each semester, she highly recommends psychology counseling services through Boundless – they help her cope with those changes. Mr. Fadel asked about using remote services and Mr. Bickley indicated that he has cameras monitoring people going in and out of the house. Mr. Bickley asked if, at the July In-service, the board members would like to listen to their current Provider (and others) regarding the current climate and issues they are experiencing. All board members agreed this would be beneficial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Board member Straughter shared that she is featured on the I am Boundless podcast, she has been appointed by Governor DeWine to serve on Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council, and she was also appointed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to help with Charting the LifeCourse related to technology.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Superintendent Yeager indicated that Self-Advocate Christine Brown was not able to attend the meeting but shared with Ms. Yeager some bills to note: HB 405 on the Visitability Tax Credit; HB 465 on Remote Residential Room Monitoring; and SB 213 on Supported Decision Making.

Board member Davis introduced his wife Jessica Davis who was attending virtually. They shared thanks to Service Coordination Director Lee Childs and to Nathan Henninger of Boundless for assisting with a difficult situation recently.

The June 27, 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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