



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
July 25, 2024**

Members Present: John Bickley; Dean Fadel, Marci Straughter; Michael Underwood

Virtual Attendance Karen Wilkins

Members Excused: Marie Crawford; Samuel Davis

Staff Present: Dot Yeager, Lee Childs, Angie Franke, Gwynn Kinsel, 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 Secretary Marci Straughter.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley and Mr. Underwood moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 27, 2024, second by Mr. Fadel.
Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Board member Mr. Fadel, member of the Finance Committee, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates and expenditures by program category through June 2024. Revenues are at 56% and expenditures are at 45% of budget, consistent with the 2024 Budget. The Tom Williams Education fund has been established with ARC Industries and managed by the Columbus Foundation. Recently, we requested appropriation funds from the FC Commissioners to adjust funding requested for the purchase of 5 school buses that were priced higher than the original cost projection.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources 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 June 2024, and everything seems to be in order.

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Ethics Committee Report: Past President Mr. Underwood and Chair of the Ethics Committee, reported that the committee met and found no conflict of interest related to a board member's current employment and will recommend approval of resolution.

Mr. Underwood moved to approve the Ethics Committee report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Central Ohio Self Determination Association

The Central Ohio OSDA met at the Franklin County Board of DD on July 12, at 10:30 a.m. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities presented on the changes to the Home and Community Based Waiver which took effect on July 1. Christine Brown will provide an update during the Board In-Service today.

Charting the LifeCourse – 3 hour training

The Family Resource Network of Ohio (FRNO) will offer a Charting the LifeCourse (CTLC) overview, Person-Centered Thinking and SSA training for professionals and family members on August 1, 2024 from 9-12 p.m.

Tech Summit

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, in partnership with Assistive Technology of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will present TechSummit 2024 – an in-person event on August 16, 2024 from 8-4 p.m. At this event attendees can hear from experts, hear from technology adopters, and explore technology solutions for themselves. We encourage you to register for this event and forward this email to a friend. Registration is now open at go.osu.edu/TechSummit

Family Support Meeting – July 24

Dot Yeager, Superintendent/CEO will host the FCBDD Family Support meeting on July 24 at Noon, using the Zoom platform. Communications Coordinator Rita Price provided an update on the Changing Spaces grant. To date, the following public spaces have requested grant funding: The Ohio Theatre; Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna; Ohio State University Schottenstein Center; Ohio Expo Center & State Fair; City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation; Heinzerling Community; Riffe Center Theatre Complex (CAPA); Recreation unlimited Foundation; City of Hilliard Parks and Recreation; Franklin County Agricultural Society (Franklin County Fairgrounds); Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks; and Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.

Summer Center and Transition to Work Summer Programs

Around 50 students attended Summer Center at West Central School, which ran from June 3 to July 5. The Transition to Work summer program, also being held at West Central, coordinated for FCBDD by the Hattie Larlham agency, began on July 8 and ends July 31, with approximately 40 attendees expected. Early Childhood's summer program also began on July 8 and ends August 2 at Johnstown Road.

Visit from Representative Brown Piccolantonio scheduled

Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio is scheduled for the last week of July. Her visit is scheduled during Early Childhood Education's Summer Center. After a tour of the Early Childhood Education and Family Center, Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager will meet the representative and provide an agency overview.

Building Updates

Both 4395 Marketing Place (the former ARC South) and 909 Taylor Station Road (the former ARC East) have officially closed on the sale of the properties. 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.

State of Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games

The 2024 State of Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games, were held on the last weekend of June, at Ohio Stadium at the OSU. Special thanks to Megan Bender, our new Special Olympics Manager, for leading her first Summer Games. Franklin County Special Olympians represented very well in the games.

MLS All Star Unified Match with Special Olympics

Tuesday, July 23 at 3:30 p.m. is the MLS All Star Unified match where Special Olympics athletes and partners from each MLS program competed in an "East vs. West" soccer match. Our athletes from the 'East' won by a blow out scoring 5 goals. The match took place at the Historic Crew Stadium (1 Black and Gold Blvd., Columbus) Our very own Franklin County athlete, Lakota McMillion, and unified partner, Nehemiah Tanga, will represent the Columbus Crew. I will also be an assistant coach for the East team. Successful athlete Kevin Cantrell was recognized at the Franklin County Commissioners meeting.

Voter Presentations for Self-Advocates

DRO will provide a presentation on September 24 at FCBDD's administration center for Self-Advocates on voter registration and voter rights for persons with disabilities.

Synergy Conference

The Synergy Conference is scheduled at Kalahari October 2-4, 2024. FCBDD staff member Crystal Schneider assist individuals in Franklin County in registration.

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 July 25, 2024, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with The Learning Spectrum to provide medically necessary therapeutic services, which are not included in the child's Individual Education Plan and which exceed the service limits imposed by the child's health insurance coverage, to children with developmental disabilities who are not enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program, at various per-child, per-unit rates; including, but not limited to, occupational and speech therapy services, and summer program costs for the period beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, not to exceed \$120,000, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Dynamic Pathways for Human Rights Committee management consulting services beginning September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$171,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment for early intervention services beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 for total amount not to exceed \$140,000, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley moved to accept recommendation of Ethics Council for board member employment, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mr. Fadel moved to revise Board Policy 2.6 - Employee Referral Bonus Program, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Fadel moved to revise Board Policy 11.23 - Technology and Equipment Usage, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with ARC Industries and to authorize disbursement of \$284,787.03 to ARC Industries to establish the Tom Williams Education Fund, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Underwood moved to go to bid for landscaping services for certain locations for an initial two year term beginning March 1, 2025 and ending February 28, 2027, with the option to renew for three one-year periods, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to award bid to Mielke Mechanical, Inc., for Doubletree North Rooftop Units Replacement for a base bid amount of \$499,725 and a contingency of \$75,000, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried by roll call vote of yes: Mr. Bickley, Mr. Fadel, Ms. Straughter, Mr. Underwood, and Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

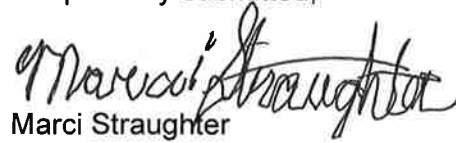
NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ms. Straughter announced that she presented to the Action Club Conference in Delaware, Ohio about Marci's Keeping it Cooking' blog on how to cook, different recipes etc. The Tech Ambassador's then presented as well.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Christine Brown provided written report to Board members, sharing an update on several different projects occurring at the OSU Nisonger Center. The Nursing Survey and the Remote Supports survey are continuing to move forward. The Central Ohio Self Determination Association met in July and the Ohio Department of DD came and presented on changes in the DD system. The Nisonger Center applied for a grant from DODD on training SSAs and family members. There is a new Transportation project called 'LinkUS' and it is trying to expand COTA across more areas in the central Ohio. Christine also provided information on her attendance of the Special Olympics national consortium in Washington D.C. Christine Brown and Belinda Spinosi have been working together to show the state data on mobility and disabilities. Columbus' Housing code is over 70 years old and needs updated. Christine Brown and Belinda Spinosi are seeking sidewalks in front of FCBDD's administration offices and to become ADA accessible.

The July 25, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board Secretary Straughter.

Respectfully submitted,



Marci Straughter
Secretary

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