



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Dot Yeager  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes  
September 26, 2024**

**Members Present:** John Bickley; Marie Crawford; Marci Straughter; Michael Underwood; Karen Wilkins

**Members Excused:** Dean Fadel; Samuel Davis

**Staff Present:** Dot Yeager, Angie Franke, Gwynn Kinsel, Larry Macintosh; Amy Magginis, David Ott, Jeff Pattison; Joe Petrarca; Ryan Phillips; 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. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 25, 2024, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Board Member Michael Underwood, member of the Finance Committee, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received budget updates and expenditures by program category for July and August 2024. Revenues are at 94.2% and expenditures are at 71.5% of budget, consistent with the 2024 Budget. The 2024 Waiver Match expenditures increased by \$13 million, partially offset by higher reconciliation revenue of \$5 million. Our budget request for 2025 is \$285 million and has been submitted to the county budget team. Special thanks to Rachel Buske, our budget analyst with the Franklin County Commissioners, for helping through this process.

Mr. Underwood moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Human Resources Report:** Board Member Mr. Bickley, Chair of the Human Resources Committee, reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions for the months of July and August 2024, and everything seems to be in order. Mr. Bickley announced that Lee Childs, Director of Service Coordination is the chairperson for our agency for the Combined Charitable Campaign. Our agency goal for this year is \$55,000. The committee discussed renewal of medical and pharmacy coverage with Medical Mutual. Two proposals for dental coverage have been received and are pending review by the Insurance Committee. The State Department of Education and Workforce Development requires the Board's approval of hiring of the assistant principal at West Central, a resolution will be added to new business today.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **DSP Recognition Week – September 8-14, 024**

Christine Brown gained support from Columbus City Council for a proclamation to raise awareness of the vital role of DSPs.

### **Self-Advocate Advisory Council**

The FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council met on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations Ryan Phillips facilitated the meeting.

### **Central Ohio Self Determination Association**

Christine Brown facilitated the meeting of the Central Ohio OSDA at the Franklin County Board of DD on September 13, at 10:30 a.m. The Ohio Tech Ambassadors shared information with the group.

### **Family Support Meeting – September 25**

Dot Yeager, Superintendent/CEO met with the FCBDD Family Support group on September 25 at Noon. Special thanks to Farrah Langlois, Assistant Director of Service Coordination for attending the meeting. Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations attended and provided updates, answered questions about the West Central School pool renovations and provided information on the Franklin County recreation opportunities available.

### **2024 Community Star Awards**

The 2024 Community Star Awards event will be held at the Polaris Hilton on October 16, 2024. There will be a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and awards and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. We will celebrate and honor twelve award recipients and share the positive impact they have had in the community. Please let Amy Magginis know your plans for attendance.

### **Disability Rights Ohio – Voter Presentation**

The FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council teamed up with Disability Rights Ohio to host a special in-person presentation on voting. Information on voter registration, ID requirements, the rights of voters with disabilities, and absentee, in-person and early voting were discussed. The presentation took place at FCBDD's Administrative building at 2879 Johnstown Road on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 10 a.m. until noon. Josiah Lanning, ADA Coordinator with the Franklin County Board of Elections attended.

### **Synergy**

The 2024 Synergy Conference is being held on October 2-4 at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center. Franklin County DD service coordinators can assist individuals to sign up. For more information about the Synergy conference, visit <https://synergyohio.org/> Ryan Phillips, Marci Straughter and Dot Yeager plan to attend the conference. Board Member Marci Straughter announced that she, along with others who have developmental disabilities, who are on county boards, will present during the conference on their experience serving on county boards of DD.

### **Community Survey**

FCBDD wants to hear from people receiving services, parents or guardians, direct-service providers and partner agencies. Responses to this brief, anonymous survey will help us know how we are doing and identify ways to improve. Feedback also helps guide the development of our annual action plan, which will be shared with the community.

This survey closes on Oct. 4, 2024. For assistance with language or other accommodations, including to request a printed copy of the survey, email [ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org](mailto:ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org). Click here to participate: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNF5V87>

## **Hopes for Cleveland Special Olympics - 2030**

Several organizations are seeking support for Cleveland to be chosen as the site of the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games. Host committee members are circulating a petition to show support for holding the Games in northeast Ohio, which would be the largest inclusive event in the region's history. More than 5,000 athletes and coaches are likely to attend, along with more than 125,000 family members and others. Special Olympics Ohio, Destination Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Cuyahoga DD are among those backing the bid. To help make the application as strong as possible, click on the petition link below to indicate support for Cleveland's bid and how you would participate in the event: [2030 Special Olympics in The Land \(thisiscleveland.com\)](https://thisiscleveland.com/2030-Special-Olympics-in-The-Land)

## **"Out and About"**

- Goodwill Work and Community Services North Location Grand Opening – September 5, 2024
- West Central School (and bus unloading), Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- ECLC, Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Open Door – Mirolo Sensory Park groundbreaking – September 12, 2024
- Blendon Woods Metro Park Hickory Grove's new inclusive playground under construction – Wednesday, September 18, 2024
- Early Childhood Education Center – Monday, September 23, 2024
- South-Western City Schools collaborative classrooms - TBD

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Mr. Underwood moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Superintendent/CEO, as presented to the Finance Committee on September 26, 2024, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Columbus for counseling, referral and counseling services in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Wilkins moved to approve the sponsorship of Ohio Association of People Supporting Employment First (Ohio APSE) for DSP Recognition activities on October 1, 2024 in the amount of \$500, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to approve sponsorship of Ohio Association of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) in the amount of \$2,500, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Underwood moved to approve addendum to the agreement dated September 1, 2022 for consulting services with Root Consulting, LLC, for the period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional one-year period and to modify section 7.1 titled Payment of the Consulting Fee to include payment for additional consulting services and to increase the monthly amount to \$1,300/per month, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to accept proposal from and enter into contract with Core Solutions Inc. for case management software for one time implementation and training fees of \$230,758 and for annual fees of \$197,440 for the three-year period beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027, with option to renew for twelve months periods if mutually agreed, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Underwood moved to provide grant funds to the City of Dublin, Ohio for a universal changing table in a family restroom at Bridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 for a

period from October 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously. Superintendent/CEO Yeager indicated that in support of universal changing space, the City of Dublin already has a universal changing space at Darree Fields Park at the Miracle League Park/ballfield located in the family restroom area. City of Dublin plans for a universal changing space at the Dublin Community Center. The specific funding requested today, provides for the cost of the actual changing table for the City of Dublin to retrofit a restroom in the Bridge Park area before the 2024 holiday season begins.

- h. Ms. Wilkins moved to include the residual Ted Williams bequest of \$10,901.57 for deposit in the Tom Williams Education Fund at the Columbus Foundation, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Wilkins moved to renew health insurance coverage with Medical Mutual of Ohio for a two year period at 9.95% in 2025 and at 0% in 2026, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve dental coverage recommendation, pending the meeting of the Insurance Committee, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mr. Underwood moved to revise January 2024 board resolution authorizing payment of waiver match from \$95 million to \$107,057,960, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Mr. Bickley moved to accept bid by Hard Fire Suppression Systems, Inc. for ARC West Fire Panel, at a cost of \$162,980.27, with a contingency of \$20,000, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ms. Wilkins moved to approve the hire of Kristy Lilley as the assistant principal for West Central School, grades 9-12, under the alternative principal license, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board member Ms. Straughter indicated that she will chair the Advocacy Committee for the Statewide Independent Living Council for Ohio. Their focus will be on Accessible Housing.

Board Member Straughter shared that she will be presenting at the Synergy Conference, October 2-4 in Sandusky, Ohio at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center. She will represent those who are serving on county boards who are also receiving services. Ms. Straughter indicated that she will also present on use of technology with the Tech Ambassadors.

Project STIR is scheduled for December, 2024.

The “Support Broker” that is approved for SELF Waiver; DODD may be looking at trying to get it approved for all types of waivers.

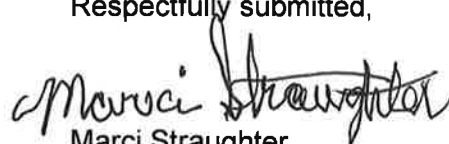
**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** - Board members received a written update from Christine Brown, Self-Advocate. Christine was able to attend the meeting via Zoom and shared that in November, the Ohio Employment First task force will be reinstated and will try to assist families in understanding supports available for working in the community, and hopefully lessen fears associated with community employment.

OEA Union Representative Mark Linder addressed the board about his concern of the board meeting during times that some employees are not able to attend. He stated that he understands

that board members are unpaid volunteers, but as such you have made a commitment and investment to the DD community. Your commitment is made not only to the students served, but also to the staff. By having the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Linder stated that he feels it gives the appearance of trying to avoid staff. He has heard complaints from staff about not being able to attend the meetings. Mr. Linder hopes that the Board understands that the issues he is talking about are not necessarily bad issues, these staff are invested "in the DD." People would like to get their views across, whether a 5 year employee or a 25 year employee. Could there be an option of meeting at 5 p.m., as was done in the past, or possibly once every three or four months, giving the option to staff to attend a board meeting without requiring use of their personal time off. Also, staff have no way to contact board members directly. On the back of the Dateline, there is no phone number for you or email to you. How can they communicate with you? We need to sit down and brainstorm on how to resolve this and try to address this particular issue.

**The September 26, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board President Marie Crawford.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marci Straughter  
Secretary

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