



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
October 24, 2024**

Members Present: Samuel Davis; Dean Fadel; Marci Straughter; Michael Underwood

Members Excused: John Bickley; Marie Crawford; Karen Wilkins

Staff Present: Dot Yeager; Lee Childs; Angie Franke; Gwynn Kinsel, Larry Macintosh;
Amy Magginis; David Ott; Joe Petrarca; Ryan Phillips; 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

Ms. Straughter moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 26, 2024, second by Mr. Underwood. 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 September 2024. Revenues are at 98.3% and expenditures are at 75.6% of budget, consistent with the 2024 Budget, with the exception of waiver match. We have requested supplemental appropriations from the Franklin County Commissioners for the Medicaid waiver match in the amount of \$12,472,068 to address the increased cost of waiver match. Quarterly report was submitted.

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

Human Resources Report: Board Member Marci Straughter, member of the Human Resources Committee, reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions for the month of September 2024, everything seems to be in order. The agency's Combined Charitable Campaign is underway. Ms. Straughter reported that the committee received an update on staff health insurance open enrollment, including staff dental coverage.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2024 Community Star Awards

The 2024 Community Star Awards event was held at the Polaris Hilton on October 16, 2024. The event took place at the Polaris Hilton, a new venue for the event, providing full accessibility. Entertainment was provided by the Blue Spectrum Band with Zayne Harshaw.

All Managers Meeting

Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager hosted an 'All Managers' meeting on October 10. The main focus of the meeting was to brainstorm and discuss the 2025 Annual Action Plan; Community Needs Survey results; and an update on our Fiscal/Levy cycle.

Synergy

The 2024 Synergy Conference was held on October 2-4 at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center. Dot Yeager, Superintendent/CEO; Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations; and several Service Coordinators attended the event from Franklin County Board of DD. Board Member Marci Straughter was a part of the conference, presenting on what it is like to be a Board member and as a Tech Ambassador. Board member Marci Straughter presented on technology and also presented as a group of individuals who are serving on their local county boards at the Synergy conference. Superintendent Dot Yeager indicated that Synergy is much like unified sports but in the professional development realm.

Community Survey

Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations and Rita Price, Communications Coordinator will compile the data received from the 2024 Community Needs Survey. Over 500 responses were received, and we look forward to learning from the data. Information will be used to direct the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

Franklin County Childrens Services Levy

Franklin County Childrens Services levy has an initiative on the November ballot for a 10-year 2.5 mill levy (1.9 mill renewal and 0.6 mill increase) effective January 1, 2025. This would cost \$49.17/year for an owner of a home valued at \$100,000, or an increase of \$21/year over the current tax. FCCS has another 3.1 mill levy due to expire in 2029.

Ohio Association of County Boards – Winter Conference

The Ohio Association of County Boards of DD will host their winter conference December 4-6, 2024 at the Hilton Easton. If Board members would like to attend, please contact Amy Magginis and she can assist with the registration process.

Project STIR – Dec. 10-12

OACB is providing scholarships for people who would like to become self-advocates to take the Project STIR training in December.

“Out and About”

- Synergy Conference at Kalahari in Sandusky – October 2-4
- Early Childhood Education Partner's meeting – October 7
- South-Western City Schools collaborative classrooms – October 8
- Meetings with County Administrator and two County Commissioners
- OACB discussion with DODD regarding the 25-26 budget
- Popped into the ARC Industries board retreat (shared some innovative ideas including 'Pepper' the robot and an interactive adjustable screen – could lay flat with apps or photos etc. and participants could interact with cause and effect)
- Attended Creative Housing Board meeting on Oct. 23 (demonstration/open house for Accessible Dwelling Unit part of Health Homes project with Nationwide Childrens Hospital near Parsons Avenue)
- Connected with the Hispanic/Latino Professional Network

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Straughter moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Superintendent/CEO, as presented to the Finance Committee on October 24, 2024, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for early intervention services, not to exceed the amount of \$160,000 for the period beginning November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2025, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 at an annual cost not to exceed \$15,000, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Straughter moved authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital for developmental assessment and referral services as well as educational and other developmentally appropriate services for inpatient children through age six in the amount not to exceed \$402,300 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Fadel Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/CEO Yeager indicated that this is a great partnership and our Director of Early Childhood Education Dr. Kathy Lawton is working closely with Franklin County Family and Children First Council, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Department of Children and Youth, State of Ohio on how to best leverage the assets already in place and how to add to the assets.

- e. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus for adult day and workforce development services to participants not enrolled in a waiver and for ancillary services in a total amount not to exceed \$1,351,401 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus for the Work and Community Services program for ancillary services not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid in an amount not to exceed \$1,373,072 and other services to participants not enrolled on a waiver, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,717,167 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize use of Creative Housing, Inc. 2024 contingency funds in the amount of \$182,450 for renovations at Wheatland, Emslie and Minera properties, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Underwood moved to hire Kristy Lilley as the assistant principal for West Central School, grades 5 through 12, under the alternate principal license, effective August 5, 2024, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Fadel moved to approve hearing officer's report regarding eligibility criteria for J. W., second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to participate in and authorize META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of five (5) - 48 passenger conventional propane buses, at a cost of \$157,375 per bus and a total cost of \$786,875, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to participate in META Solutions (META) for competitive retail electric service commencing on or about the meter read date of July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a term not to exceed five (5) years. This will authorize the Superintendent to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the Board and the lowest and best bidder in the RFP, so long as the Superintendent or their appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Board Member Marci Straughter is testing an app for Charting the LifeCourse. She will test out their app and let us know how it goes.

Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations Ryan Phillips announced that Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. to decorate your 'trunk' in the parking lot of Administration; 2879 Johnstown Road. Creative Housing, Inc.; Boundless; and Special Olympics are sponsoring this event. Lucas county does a similar event that has had great success.

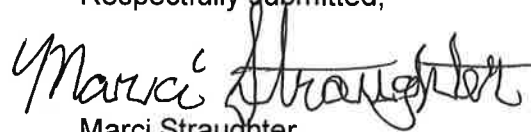
Board Member Dean Fadel mentioned that Blendon Woods Metro Park will be hosting a grand opening of their fully accessible play ground area, more details in the future.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Christine Brown could not attend the meeting today. She sent an email that was given to board members regarding federal legislative actions to take note of, especially Ensuring Access Medicaid Buy in Act. This has passed in Ohio and is now being seen at the federal level. The senate version of the bill is being sponsored by Bob Casey and Marsha Blackburn.

The October 24, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Board Vice President Samuel Davis.

Respectfully submitted,



Marci Straughter
Secretary