



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dot Yeager
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING Minutes November 21, 2024

Members Present: John Bickley; Marie Crawford; Samuel Davis; Dean Fadel; Marci Straughter; Michael Underwood

Members Virtual: 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 President Marie Crawford.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 24, 2024, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Bickley, Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates by Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager

Budget & Finance

Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager provided an update on Budget and Finance. The Finance Committee has received updates year to date through October, 2024. Revenues are at 98% and expenditures are at 81%. The Franklin County Commissioners did approve a supplemental appropriation for us for the social services category, due to our higher than expected waiver match in the amount of \$14,638,185. Additional revenues came in that will off-set (\$2 million from Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for DSP Waiver Match, \$3 million received for the reconciliation of the 2022 Waiver Match).

Included in today's agenda is the annual forecast for our current needs waiting list. Based on our projections, we currently have 358 (it will cost \$8.8 million to bring them on) it will cost \$30 million over the remaining levy duration (until 2028), and we recommend proceeding with that. As we do our 5 Year projection, I will work closely with Jennifer Schueneman, Director of Fiscal Services, Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative and Support Services, and Lee Childs, Director of Service Coordination.

This provides the opportunity to look at trends and how that impacts us going forward. Currently, we have sufficient funds to bring on the 358 enrollees on the current needs waiting list. This makes it important during the first quarter to look into where we have opportunities for increased revenue and ways to reduce costs to try to offset the waiver match increase.

You will notice the renewal of our agreement with Boundless, the amount asked for is lower than last year. The projection and request are for \$4.1 million for this year to complete the renovations. In total, the agreement shows a reduction of funds due to Boundless locating alternative third party reimbursement sources. This authorizes \$1.5 million for renovations at Kimberly Woods (FCCS, ADAMH, and Boundless to serve multi-system youth) with capacity to serve sixteen youth. The final phase of renovations is underway.

Human Resources: Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager provided the update on Human Resources activities for the month of October. Ms. Yeager reported that the committee has received the recent personnel actions for the month of October 2024, everything seems to be in order. Market Adjustment that occurs each January is consistent with the current bargaining agreement, which is a 2.5% increase.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Advocacy News

Our first annual disability-friendly "Trunk or Treat" event, held October 30 at the Administration building on Johnstown Road, was a big hit – an estimated five hundred people joined us. Our co-sponsors included Franklin County Special Olympics, Developmental Assist and Creative Housing | Creative Renovations. It was great to have staff members, families we serve, providers and Special Olympians passing out a variety of treats, from non-food items to healthy snacks and candy (we pretty much ran out!). Thanks to Ryan Phillips, Rita Price and special thanks to Brandon Grandominico in Transportation for the "Touch a Bus" experience. It was great to see Board member and pirate Dean Fadel and his brother in attendance.

Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) is offering a three-day leadership training, taught by and for people with disabilities, December 10 through 12 at the Marriott Columbus Northwest. Crystal Schneider is assisting with registration requests; sign-up deadline is November 18.

The next meeting of the Franklin County Self Advocate Council is planned for Thursday, December 19, at Johnstown Road. We will discuss updates, plans and visions for the council, and share a pizza lunch. Self-advocates are encouraged to RVSP to ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org so the right amount of food can be available.

DD Council survey

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council creates a five-year plan to guide its work, and the first step for the next plan is to gather public input from people with developmental disabilities, families, and stakeholders throughout the state. Click below for info and survey links in English, Spanish and Somali. It is open through December 31, 2024. <https://ddc.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/oddc-five-year-state-plan-public-survey>

Changing Spaces Update

The State of Ohio has authorized another \$25,000 in funding for our universal changing table grant project. This means that state funds can be used for the project with the City of Dublin that was approved at the October board meeting. There are also funds for one more project. Thanks to Rita Price for spearheading this effort. Special thanks to Jennifer Schueneman and Rita Price for their strong support in this project.

Communications News

More than five hundred people responded to the revamped annual Community Survey, a significant increase over previous years. Dozens of respondents also expressed interest in being part of follow-up focus groups to provide additional input for the 2025 annual action plan. Those meetings will be scheduled in early December. Stay tuned for news about our upcoming staff survey.

Home and Community Based Services Waiver Review

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities recently completed a review of three years of claims for adult and transportation services through June 30, 2023. Out of a total of over 1,000 paid claims, there were only two totaling \$54 that lacked documentation. Accordingly, there were no recoverable findings.

Board Members

Both John Bickley and Marie Crawford will end their terms on January 23, 2025, after 12 years of dedicated service. The County Commissioners are in the process of appointing replacements who will officially begin their terms on January 23, 2025. We express our sincere thanks to Marie and John for many years of strong support.

Mr. Bickley left the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Fadel moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Superintendent as presented to the Finance Committee on November 21, 2024, second by Ms. Straughter (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with iamBoundless to provide services to youth who are served by Multiple Systems (MSY) for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Fadel (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a Memorandum of Understanding with county agency partners to provide funding and other support for youth who are served by Multiple Systems (MSY) for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with iamBoundless to provide specialized services, family resources and services and also other funding for capital improvements at Kimberly Woods not to exceed the amount of \$4,100,000 for a period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Davis. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract for facility-based respite services, including emergency respite, with iamBoundless for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, for homemaker personal care and room and board, not otherwise reimbursed by Medicaid, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Creative Housing to provide housing, rent subsidy, family home renovations, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$7,339,031, for a period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, and for an additional amount, up to \$760,000 for matching funds for potential projects to be funded either jointly with DODD contingent on DODD approval, or with a different funding mix as mutually agreed upon and on FCBDD budget availability, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried with an abstention from Ms. Straughter.
- g. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew vehicle, liability, violence and property insurance coverage with the Ohio School Plan, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew master agreement with ARC Industries for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027, for the provision of adult services, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Davis moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for adult services participants who are not enrolled on a waiver and for other value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, not to exceed the amount of \$11,295,192, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with the Ohio State University Medical Center Nisonger Center for clinical support services, including but not limited to, behavior assessment and consultation, ongoing behavior support services, risk assessment, psychological evaluation and other related services, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$114.00, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize Superintendent to amend agreement with Dynamic Pathways to add case management quality assurance services to be completed no later than May 2025 at an hourly rate of \$99 and an amount not to exceed \$14,850, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with Best Buddies for the Citizens program in the amount of \$20,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Mr. Davis moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House for inclusive simulated learning environment at Lifestown in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House for opioid education services not to exceed \$17,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with the Franklin County Probate Court for guardianship services for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$424,360, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Davis, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis left the meeting.

- p. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into agreement with Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc. for guardianship and supported decision-making services for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- q. Mr. Underwood moved to increase amount for Furniture Bank of Central Ohio for the year ended 2024 from \$15,000 to \$32,000, based on actual number of deliveries, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

- r. Ms. Straughter moved to approve the 2025 Annual waiver allocation projection per O.R.C. 5126.04 related to the Current Needs Waiting List, second by Mr. Fadel. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- s. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize Superintendent to approve market adjustments to salary ranges for 2025, contingent on Commissioner approval of 2025 budget, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- t. Mr. Fadel moved to approve hearing officer's report regarding eligibility criteria for M.D., second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.
- u. Mr. Fadel moved to approve hearing officer's report regarding eligibility criteria for Z.D., second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Crawford, Fadel, Straughter, Underwood, Wilkins) Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Board member Ms. Straughter shared that she is using a new 'app' called Quillow related to Charting the LifeCourse. Ms. Straughter attended the OCALI Conference, and she also presented at the conference with the Tech Ambassadors.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - Mr. Venne addressed the board regarding Item T. under the resolutions, related to an eligibility matter, Mr. Venne shared his frustration with the eligibility process as a Guardian Ad Litem for the individual (M.D.) and disagrees with the hearing officer's report decision. Mr. Venne would like the board to evaluate the eligibility process and indicated that the board needs to involve a 'more' neutral 3rd party reviewer, and to "do better." Mr. Venne indicated that he will proceed on to the next level of appeal for M.D.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilkins

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Secretary

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