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REGULAR MEETING Minutes May 22, 2025

Members Present: Dean Fadel; Gene Harshaw; Katherine Kelly; Marci Straughter; Becky Swartz; Karen Wilkins

Members Excused: Michael Underwood

Staff Present: Dot Yeager; Angie Franke; Gwynn Kinsel; Larry Macintosh; Amy Magginis; Joe Petrarca; Ryan Phillips; Rita Price; Jennifer Schueneman; Travis Sherick

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Board President Dean Fadel.

MINUTES

Ms. Wilkins moved to approve the regular meeting minutes held on April 24, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates by Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager

Budget, Finance and Human Resources

Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager provided an update on the agency finances for the current reporting period ending April 30, 2025. The budget remains on track at 43.6% of revenue and at 36.5% of expenditures.

Superintendent Yeager shared the Human Resources report for the month of April, 2025. The first week of May was public employee/service recognition week. Our Service Coordination and MUI departments will celebrate at a later time. The YMCA recognized an early childhood staff member at their annual recognition breakfast. Former board member Samuel Davis and his wife recognized their service coordinator, Pat Davis for her exceptional work during a supervisory team meeting. Superintendent/CEO Yeager shared a positive email from a parent whose son has been part of our Early Intervention program and has successfully concluded their services with Early Childhood Education.

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Community
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Intake
1650 Watermark Dr.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-342-5490

Service Coordination
1600 Watermark Dr.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-464-2743

Transportation
2879 Johnstown Rd.
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614-475-5910

West Central School
1481 W. Town Street
Columbus, OH 43223
614-276-8231

24-hour abuse, neglect and emergency line: 614-464-2743

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Advocacy

Board member Marci Straughter was named to the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) last week during the Spring Conference. Congratulations to Marci!

Self-Advocate Advisory Committee met today at 10 a.m. Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations, provided details on today's meeting. There were representatives from various programs (i.e. Service Coordination; Next Chapter Book Club; Aspirations; Best Buddies; ElevateDD; Columbus Parks and Recreation; Franklin County Recreation through Hattie Larlham) to talk with the committee members about available areas for community engagement.

2025 Community Star Awards

Please mark your calendars to save the date: The 2025 Franklin County DD Community Star Awards will be held on October 8, 2025 at the Boat House at Confluence Park. The Star Award nomination process will be published in the May Dateline and includes an option for an online nomination form to be filled out.

West Central School Graduation

West Central School will graduate nineteen students this year on May 28 at 6 p.m. Graduation will be held at West Central School with former FCBDD staff member and parent, Steve Carr, as the keynote speaker.

Summer program plans

Final plans are being set for West Central Summer Center, the Transition to Work (TTW) program and Early Childhood Education's Summer Center. Work on the West Central pool renovation is on track to be completed this summer and programs will be able to again utilize the aquatic program.

OhioISP update

Franklin County DD was among the first county boards of DD to assist the State of Ohio with the development of the statewide individual service plan (OhioISP), which began in 2021. The final step in fully implementing the new tool is to send the plans to the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) electronically. To date approximately 3,800 plans have been submitted, approximately 62% of the total. There has been excellent collaboration with DODD, Franklin County DD staff, and Primary Solutions, Inc. to work through glitches. The goal is to complete by August, 2025.

'All Manager' meeting – learning your leadership style

On April 29 with John Broer of Real Good Ventures presented at the 'All Manager' training on learning about how your brain is hardwired and how that translates to leadership/work style. Sixty attended the session and used the "Predictive Index" to identify their own behavioral style.

Voinovich Leadership Academy

The Senior Leadership team of Franklin County DD began the Voinovich Leadership Academy through Ohio University. This in-depth, 6-session training began on May 5 and will conclude in October. Topics include leadership fundamentals, communications, and psychological safety.

Franklin County DD Provider Fair

Save the date for September 2, 2025 for the Franklin County DD Provider Fair at the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

ECEFC Tour by National Headstart Association

In 1991, Franklin County DD's Early Childhood Education program began its partnership with HeadStart. On Monday, May 19, approximately fifty individuals from across the nation toured Franklin County DD's Early Childhood Education and Family Center and outdoor learning environment.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Wilkins moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Superintendent as presented to the Finance Committee on May 22, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Harshaw moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew an agreement with Childhood League, in an amount not to exceed, \$1,356,107, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, second by Ms. Swartz. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Swartz moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter an agreement with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for early intervention and early childhood education services (Dahlberg) and community based recreation experiences for adult, in an annual amount not to exceed \$2,697,323 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, second by Mr. Harshaw. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter an agreement with Easter Seals for early intervention and early childhood education services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,452,936 for the period beginning August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Harshaw moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter an agreement with Ohio State University Nisonger Center for early intervention and preschool services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,449,002 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried with abstention by Board Member Kelly.
- f. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter an agreement with Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dual diagnosis services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$155,295 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried with abstention by Board Member Kelly.
- g. Mr. Harshaw moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew an agreement with OSU School of Health and Rehabilitation Services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$58,122 for a twelve month period to begin June 1, 2025 or another date mutually agreed upon by the parties, second by Ms. Wilkins. Motion carried with abstention by Board Member Kelly.
- h. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the hiring of Gretchen Uhl to the position of Early Childhood Education Assistant Director of Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC) and Recruitment, under the Alternative Administrative Specialist license for early childhood, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Board member Marci Straughter shared that Ohio Tech Ambassador's received their funding to continue this year. More information to come.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Christine Brown provided updates to the Board members. Ms. Brown is concerned if OSU Nisonger's funding is pulled by the federal government, what would happen to any of the OSU Nisonger Contracts with Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities if that were to happen?

The OSU Nisonger Tech Summit is scheduled for September 12, 2025.

After January 1, 2026, Christine mentioned the need for a training/ discussion about the differences between what a Support Broker does, what an SSA is and what a Service Coordinator does.

Christine shared that there is some confusion if an individual has an IO waiver, related to remote supports and if prior authorization is required for remote supports.

President Fadel moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "K" and "W".

Karen Wilkins
Secretary

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