



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

**Minutes
February 27, 2014**

Members Present: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Renee Stein

Members Excused: Beth Savage

Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Beatty, Dan Darling, Linda Fleming, Martin Kerscher, Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager

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

MINUTES

Ms. Craig moved to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting held on January 23, 2014, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ninos moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 23, 2014, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Ninos reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed expenditures for the past month. Expenditures are at 12% of budget and revenue is 2.3%. Ms. Ninos noted that we have not yet received the first real estate tax distributions.

The committee discussed the Adult Report and Recommendations and will ask for Board approval. Staff have done a great job seeking input and preparing recommendations.

Calamity days were also discussed. The cost for snow removal has been greater than anticipated.

The committee will recommend approval of the other resolutions before the Board tonight.

Ms. Ninos moved for approval of the Finance Report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources Report: Mr. Bickley stated that the Human Resources Committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the past month finding all to be in order.

March is DD Awareness Month. The Operation Feed Campaign will also be in March with Bernadine Thurn heading the campaign this year.

Our one year contract with Ohio Education Association (OEA) is now effective.

Mr. Bickley moved for approval of the Human Resources Report, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is in March. A kick-off event will be held at the Statehouse Atrium on March 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Due to weather, we have had 8 calamity days for schools and adult programs and 9 for pre-schools. We will wait to see if legislation is passed to extend the number of days allowed before finalizing make-up days.
- We continue to participate on a committee with ADAMH and the Probate Court on the subject of guardianships. The Columbus Dispatch is researching this topic and is expected to do a series on this in the next couple months.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have adopted a new rule related to Home and Community Based Waivers. The rule becomes effective on March 17 and will require our state department to develop a transition plan to come into compliance. The rules emphasize "integrated" services. We look forward to learning more information.
- Plans have been developed to implement double routing for Bixby and Hague Living Skills Centers. This will be consistent with the routing for our schools and workshops and is planned to be effective in April.
- Within the Board report, there is a draft of a rent subsidy policy. If approved, this policy will encourage more efficient services by sharing providers. We will ask the Board to consider this for approval in March.
- The March 27 Board meeting will be held at ARC Industries East, 909 Taylor Station Road. Committee meeting and tour will begin at Noon and the Board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council will meet on March 13 at 10:00 a.m. Self-Advocate Christine Brown presented to Region 2 Superintendents yesterday and did an excellent job updating on issues, including her goal to increase the asset limit for Medicaid eligibility.
- The Central Ohio Self-Determination Association (COSDA) is scheduling a late afternoon meeting at the Whitehall Community Park for March 19 at 5:00 p.m. The intent is to see if there will be greater attendance for individuals who work during the day.

- We have instituted a pilot project with an organization called 'The Altitude Initiative', which will provide a more intensive 'person-centered planning and career exploration' process for up to 20 individuals during 2014. Julie McComas will work with individuals and families and will train staff in the process. Services will be billed through Medicaid.
- We encourage the Board to approve the revised report and recommendations related to our Adult Services future. Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager, Teresa Kobelt, Kurt Smith, and many others have done good work with this report and preliminary planning, if it is approved. Based on comments received, a major revision has been made in the report which recommends development of all work areas in each workshop, rather than an all-work workshop. The report recommends that ARC Industries South closes by July, 2015 with options provided for current enrollees and staff. We are hopeful that this advanced planning will allow us to handle staff changes through attrition rather than layoff.
- The Superintendent commended Kurt Smith, Director of ARC South, for weathering the 'storm' with all the recent discussions regarding adult services.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee February 27, 2014, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Fadel moved to approve Adult Services Report and Recommendations, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Craig moved to proclaim March as DD Awareness Month, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Ninos moved to add salt cost surcharge of \$50.00 per trip to snow removal vendor pricing, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Craig moved to go to bid for FCBDD parking lot improvements, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to go to bid for snow removal services for 2014/2015 program year, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Fadel moved to go to bid for improvements to computer server room at 2879 Johnstown Road, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Craig moved to approve out-of-state travel for Rebecca Love, Darren Thompson, Danielle Norman, and Therese Brady to present at the Young Adult Institute in New York City in May, 2014 and to attend the conference, with the understanding that staff will pay their travel and lodging expenses, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Christine Brown updated members of the Board on recent self-advocate activities in the legislature, Franklin County and around the State.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 27, 2014 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Craig.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bickley
Secretary

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