



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

**Minutes
July 25, 2013**

Members Present: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Beth Savage

Members Excused: Renee Stein

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 Fadel.

MINUTES

Ms. Craig moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 27, 2013, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed overall receipts and disbursements. Expenditures at the end of June are at 45.9% and revenue is 52.5%. The proposed budget for 2014 was also discussed. Staff will meet with the County Commissioners' staff on August 5.

The committee also reviewed contracts and resolutions to be considered later in the meeting including a resolution to purchase digital radios in cooperation with the County, which will allow a discount of \$115,000.00 if approved prior to August 29.

Our state association will have a budget symposium on August 21 at Xenos.

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

Human Resources Report: Mr. Bickley indicated that the Committee reviewed personnel actions for the past month noting that there is very little activity this time of the year.

Summer Center programs will conclude next week. The Director of Hague Living Skills Center has resigned and the former director, Joyce Kirby is helping temporarily. Dot Yeager was congratulated on her promotion to Chief Business Officer, effective July 29, 2013.

Adult Services will have their staff development day on August 2.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Our Summer Center programs are almost complete. Staff have done an excellent job. School and Early Childhood programs will resume on the week of August 19.
- Our Adult Services staff will have a staff development day on August 2 at Xenos.
- A fundraiser was held last week at the Texas roadhouse Restaurant to raise funds for self-advocates to help with registration fees for an upcoming conference for self-advocates.
- CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) surveyors will be here in September to conduct a CARF survey. We hope to renew our certification, which indicates best practice and meeting quality standards.
- After CARF, we will also be reviewed by DODD in January for our accreditation renewal with the state.
- Teresa Kobelt, Dot Yeager and Marcy Samuel attended a meeting with city officials in Gahanna last week to further discuss Sunapple Gardens. We continue to move forward with our planning.
- We have sent a letter to Kevin Miller, Director of the Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) (soon to be named Opportunities for Ohioans Disability Agency) to request that RSC reinstate our Lifeworks initiative with Goodwill Columbus. We could budget up to \$200,000 for this to add to our employment options.
- Last week I attended the Career Camp graduation at Mifflin High School. This is an excellent summer career exploration program for teens that we started in 1992 with RSC and Columbus Schools. All participants this year earned minimum wage and explored different jobs throughout the summer. Special credit was given to Laurie Green-Lauber and Kurt Schmitter for their leadership to keep this program moving forward.
- We recently completed good meetings with each of our Commissioners, Auditor Mingo and the Columbus Dispatch Editorial Board. We provided updates on our agency services and budget.

- We also recently met with Treasurer Leonard to discuss the Land Bank he oversees. His staff will be in touch with Pat Rafter, CEO of Creative Housing to see if there are partnering opportunities.
- We will not have a regular meeting in August, however we will conduct a brief Special meeting on August 26 at Noon to request Board approval of bids.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Financial Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee July 25, 2013, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Ninos moved to support the FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council Accessibility Initiative, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously. (Full resolution attached to minutes)
- c. Ms. Savage moved to enter into a 36-month copier lease, at 2879 Johnstown Road , according to the state term schedule, with Gordon Flesch for a color copier at a monthly rate of \$373.84 and a per copy charge of \$0.0063 for black and white and \$0.043 for color, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Easter Seals for early intervention and transportation services not to exceed the amount of \$700,148.22, for the period beginning September 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2014, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with The Ohio State University College of Education for behavior support training services to FCBDD staff, not to exceed \$58,173.00 for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Franklin County Family and Children First Council for the period beginning July1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 for the following programs:
 - Early intervention therapies and services, not to exceed the amount of \$100,000.00.
 - Kids in Different Systems (KIDS) Administration Fund, not to exceed the amount of \$52,152.00.
 - KIDS Multi-Systems pooled fund, not to exceed the amount of \$280,000.00.

Second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to submit a grant application to the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission for the VRP3 Lifeworks project, with a commitment to provide an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 in local matching funds to generate over \$700,000.00 in federal funds, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Ms. Savage moved to authorize Superintendent to submit a grant application to the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission for year four of the VRP3 Bridges project, with a commitment to provide an amount not to exceed \$560,000.00 in local matching funds to generate over \$2,000,000.00 in federal funds, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to enter into a contract with Goodwill Columbus for job development and training services for Lifeworks, not to exceed the amount of \$750,000.00 for the period beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for the period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014 and to amend Article 4 D by removing the words: in exchange for the use of staff and facilities, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize Superintendent to renew contract with Catholic Social Services for the senior companion program at a rate of \$1,542.00 per quarter for each senior companion, for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Ms. Savage moved to approve bid from Ohio Valley Integration Services, Inc., in the amount of \$30,909.00 for Northeast School security improvements and a contingency of \$5,000.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Ms. Craig moved to approve bid from Williamson Builders, Inc., for ARC North in the base bid amount of \$632,620.00 and the amount of \$3,644.00 for alternate number two for use of energy-saving features in windows and a contingency of \$64,000.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Mr. Bickley moved to approve long term Capital and Information Technology Plan (2013-2017), second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Ms. Ninos moved to approve bid from FYDA Freightliner, Inc. in the amount of \$70,395.00 per van to purchase 6 vans for community programs for a total cost of \$422,370.00, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- p. Mr. Bickley moved to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities that, in the absence of the Superintendent, Jed Morison, the Chief Business Officer, Dot Yeager, is hereby authorized to act as Superintendent for the purpose of approving such personnel or other actions as may be necessary during the Superintendent's absence, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- q. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the purchase of 164 mobile digital radios, and 8 portable digital radios in the amount of \$461,306.70 in cooperation with Franklin County Office of Homeland Security, which will allow us to receive a discount of \$115,000.00 if purchased prior to August 29, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

- r. Ms. Craig moved to approve a resolution encouraging the removal of obsolescent language from the Ohio Constitution, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously. (Full resolution attached to minutes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Superintendent reminded everyone of the Creative Housing Open House for Accessible Apartments on Lamplighter Drive in Grove City on August 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Fadel announced that the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD will hold a Budget Symposium on August 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and encouraged members to attend if they are able.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Christine Brown reported on several advocacy efforts and other projects during the past month. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Synergy Conference in October.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 25, 2013 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Ninos.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Craig
Secretary

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF FCBDD SELF-ADVOCATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, members of the Self-Advocate Advisory Council of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities meets with the Superintendent and Board members to advise on important issues; and

WHEREAS, the Council has adopted an initiative to eliminate the word ‘handicapped’ from signage because it is outdated and offensive to some; and

WHEREAS, the Council has sent letters to elected officials to encourage the use of the term ‘accessible’ and/or the symbol of a figure in a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, the Council encourages elected officials to make this change on new signs or replacement signs as a consequence of maintenance and repair in recognition of the costs involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Develop-mental Disabilities supports this initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent instruct staff to update or encourage others to update signage wherever possible and to support the Council in other ways to move this initiative forward.

Motion By: Helen Ninos

Second By: Marie Crawford

Voting in Favor: John Bickley
Linda Craig
Beth Savage

July 25, 2013 Dean Fadel
Board President

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF REMOVAL OF OBSOLESCEENT LANGUAGE FROM OHIO CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission was established with the passage of House Bill 188; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission is charged under Revised Code 103.61 with studying the Constitution of Ohio, promoting an exchange of experiences and suggestions respecting desired changes in the Constitution, considering the problems pertaining to the amendment of the Constitution, and making recommendations from time to time to the General Assembly for the amendment of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has become aware that the Constitution of Ohio currently contains some obsolescent terms including for example, “idiot” and “insane persons” (Article 5, Sect. 06) and “insane...deaf and dumb” (Article 7, Sect. 01); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the use of such terms in the Ohio Constitution is both unnecessary and potentially offensive to many persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities supports the elimination of such obsolescent terms from the Ohio Constitution and calls upon the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission to support amendments(s) of the Constitution as needed.

Motion By: Linda Craig

Second By: Beth Savage

Voting in Favor: John Bickley

Marie Crawford

Helen Ninos

July 25, 2013

Dean Fadel
Board President