



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes  
April 23, 2015**

Members Present: Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Dean Fadel, Helen Ninos, Beth Savage, Renee Stein

Members Excused: John Bickley

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

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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 Regular meeting held on March 26, 2015, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Ms. Savage reported that the Finance Committee met. Expenditures are at 24.4% and Revenue is 6.9%, indicating that the first tax collection has not yet been received as of March 31, 2015. Dot Yeager also provided the Board with an overview of expenditures by program after the first quarter of the year. Overall expenditures are tracking with projections.

Several bid proposals were also reviewed and members recommended approval to move forward on several projects.

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

**Human Resources Report:** Ms. Ninon indicated that the Human Resources Committee met and reviewed personnel actions for the past month. It was noted that most of the activity was in the Adult Services area.

Operation Feed Campaign has ended with staff doing a remarkable job once again. Special thanks was given to retired bus drivers Carol Adams and Mary Morris, who made and sold baked goods raising over \$2,000.00.

Sorry to report that Shella Ross, Receptionist at ARC Industries passed away on April 13 and Kimberly Howell, Training Specialist at Bixby Living Skills Center passed away on March 27, 2015.

Ms. Ninon moved for approval of the Human Resources Report, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Our Legislative Advocacy Day, sponsored by the Self-Advocate Advisory Council and OSDA was a big success. We had close to 200 with several legislators. Christine Brown did a good job as Event Coordinator.
- Congratulations to ARC East for recognition by Life Care Alliance with the 2014 VIP Spirit Award for their volunteer work with Meals on Wheels.
- Both of our schools will have Senior Proms tomorrow, April 24. The schools do a terrific job with decorations and planning for these events. Graduation ceremonies will be held on May 19 and 20 at the schools.
- Our Early Childhood Department recently recognized those who have been responsible for the development of these services over the years. They brought back 'elders' to present to staff and provide perspective on how we became one of the best inclusive early childhood programs in the country.
- The Ohio Association of County Boards, serving people with developmental disabilities (OACB) will have their Spring Conference on May 14 and 15. Please let Linda Fleming know if you would like us to register you.
- State budget discussions are continuing. The bill is still with the House, but is expected to go to the Senate soon. Compromise language has been inserted regarding ICFs, supportive statements regarding workshops have been included, efforts are continuing regarding replacement funding on loss of tangible personal property tax replacement funds. The Independent Provider issue has been taken out of the bill to be dealt with separately. This, of course, is all subject to change with the Senate or in Conference Committee.

- The Guardianship Services Board met last week and continue their work in establishing guardianship services for people who are indigent. Jack Kullman has been hired by the Probate Court to help get services established. Jack used to be a Court Administrator. Gwynn Kinsel will serve as our liaison to the Board.
- Per a new rule, Board members must attend two, one hour seminars put on by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The first of these webinars will be on April 29 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and it will be recorded. Please let the Superintendent or Linda Fleming know if you can listen to the presentation on April 29 if you haven't already.
- Dot Yeager and the Superintendent will attend a recognition luncheon on May 12 for "Lifetown". Lifetown continues to appreciate our ongoing support.
- Shannon Hardin, Columbus City Council member, will visit FCBDD on April 30.
- We will have another Provider Fair on Wednesday, May 13 at the Lausche Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- House Bill 155 and Senate Bill 147 have been introduced to implement federal legislation called the ABLE Act. (Achieving a Better Life Experience). Jennifer Cunningham of our staff and representing the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO), did an outstanding job providing a speech at a Press Conference introducing the legislation. Jennifer is on our Self-Advocate Advisory Council.
- Dot Yeager and the Superintendent had a meeting with representatives of the Public Facilities Management office on April 9 and learned that they would like complete use of the Hague Avenue facility. This will require that we vacate this building. Staff are now considering options.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Craig moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee April 23, 2015, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for dental services not to exceed the amount of \$286,170.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for early intervention and pre-school services not to exceed the amount of \$747,751.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for specialized psychiatric services for persons with a dual diagnosis, not to exceed the amount of \$100,000.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Fadel moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for recreation activities and coordination of Next Chapter Book Club and literary services programs, not to exceed the amount of \$137,759.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for behavior support services, at specified rates per hour, for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Ninos moved to approve FCBDD Board policy, Section 11.37 titled 'Employment First', second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Craig moved to approve bid for Early Childhood Learning Community HVAC improvements from Eagle Electrical Services in the amount of \$232,200.00 with a contingency of \$25,000.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Crawford moved to approve bid for Early Childhood Learning Community door improvements from Ultimax in the amount of \$157,400.00 with a contingency of \$15,000.00, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Fadel moved to approve bid for East Transportation parking lot improvements from Chemcoat, Inc. in the amount of \$394,840.00 with a contingency of \$32,000.00, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Savage moved to go to bid for Watermark roof and elevator improvements, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Ninos moved to authorize the Superintendent to amend the contract with Easter Seals for an increased level of early intervention services in the amount of \$17,384.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to amend the contract with Furniture Bank to authorize the fee increase by \$60 per client served for a total of \$6,000.00, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Nisonger Center for Pre-vocational Integrated Program for 10 weeks for up to 12 job seekers and staff training in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Morison reminded everyone that the schools will have their senior proms on Friday, April 24, 2015

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The April 23, 2015 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by motion of Ms. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Craig, Vice President  
for John Bickley, Secretary

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