



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes  
September 24, 2015**

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

Members Excused: n/a

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**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 23, 2015, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fadel moved to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on August 27, 2015, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Ms. Savage indicated that the Finance Committee did not meet due to the Board in-service. They did, however, receive a finance report and noted that expenditures are at 65.5% as of August 31 and revenue is at 86.9%.

Also, as noted in the Superintendent's report, the proposed budget has been presented to the County Commissioners staff. Typically, the Commissioners have a public hearing in November and consider approval in December. The Commissioners' staff were reminded that we anticipate a request to be on the ballot in the Fall of 2017 and are hoping for a renewal request rather than an increase.

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

**Human Resources Report:** Mr. Bickley stated that the committee did not meet this month due to the in-service, however they did receive a report of activity for July and August. There was a lot of activity in August due to the start of the school year. Staff did a good job filling vacant positions to start the year.

Our Combined Charities Campaign has begun. This year's Chair is Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology. Negotiations with OEA have begun, as the current agreement expires at the end of the year.

Board members have been asked to consider approval of revisions to policies 5.8 and 6.13 related to Disability Separations and Insurance Coverage. These were reviewed with the Board in the July committee meeting and revisions bring the Board up to date with current practice and civil service regulations.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- The Community Star Awards will be held on October 7 at Villa Milano. In addition to our honorees, we will recognize Michael Curtin, former President of The Columbus Dispatch.
- Included in the resolutions to be considered tonight, is our draft "Benchmark Plan." Marcy Samuel, Dot Yeager and their staffs have done an excellent job with this plan, which is required by the Ohio Department of DD. This plan contains our proposals related to the 'Conflict Free Case Management', including the reduction of home and community based services provided directly by the Board. This will require much work and communication with the ARC Industries Board.
- As we did in 2014, we are asking for Board approval to again sponsor the Best Buddies effort in the amount of \$2,500.00. Once Best Buddies reaches their goal of raising \$250,000.00, they will be able to have Ohio recognized as an official chapter, which will then allow for establishment of more local chapters.
- We had a visit from Timothy Shriver today. Timothy is the Chairman of International Special Olympics. He visited our Early Childhood Education and Family Center, including our Head Start partners. His father, Sargent Shriver, established Head Start and his mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, established Special Olympics in 1968. He was great to visit.
- We are very excited about an art installation that will occur on October 9 at the Cultural Arts Center from our Sunapple Studios. It is titled "A Hero Within" and includes a beautiful display made of thousands of recycled water bottles. This will be on display from October 9 – November 14. Jackie Boyle, our ARC Industries artists and additional staff have done a wonderful job with this and all of the artists have been paid at least minimum wage thanks to a grant from the Cultural Arts Center. It is very impressive.

- Our Special Olympics Unified Soccer team has been invited to play after a Columbus Crew professional soccer game in New York City on October 3. This is expected to be covered by ESPN. We are very proud to have been selected. Ryan Phillips, our Special Olympics Coordinator does excellent work.
- We are off to an excellent start to the early childhood and school program school year. We have been particularly impressed with the work of the school staff who made a smooth transition to West Central. Mike Ross, our new Principal at West Central is doing an excellent job. Becky Love and her staff have also done a great job, including significant training and a shift in the delivery of our Early Intervention Services, with greater emphasis on parent coaching in natural settings.
- As we consider the implementation of our Benchmark Plan, we are reminded by the state that we are required to build provider capacity. In particular, we believe this will be required for adult transportation and employment services. We expect to commit some staff resources to this to help organizations build infrastructure to provide these services. For example, HR infrastructure for ARC Industries or assist with other organizations.
- Thanks to Board Member, Dean Fadel, we are participating in discussion with the Treasurer's Office on implementation of the ABLE Act. We expect people will be able to establish ABLE accounts in early 2016.
- The Columbus Foundation has approved our grant request to provide disability awareness and prevention presentations to students in the Central Ohio area. These presentations will be provided by Adam Helbling.
- Christine Brown asked that the Board be made aware that the Ohio Self Determination meeting in October will feature a speaker from DODD and the December meeting will be highlighted by a speaker from the Department of Medicaid.
- The DD Council has provided us with several booklets of acronym definitions titled 'Alphabet Soup'. Each Board member received a copy.
- Superintendent Morison thanked Board members for completing the DODD training this evening on Conflict Free Case Management and Person Centered Planning.
- The Superintendent shared the recent DD Advocate magazine with members indicating that Board member Dean Fadel, former Board member Ben Hale, our Legal Counsel, Gwynn Kinsel, and staff person, Jennifer Cunningham, were all mentioned in various articles.
- Larry Macintosh is heading a Level 1 planning project to give Level 1 waivers to priority cases, meaning those with two county funded therapies.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Craig moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Chief Business Officer as presented to and received by the Finance Committee September 24, 2015, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Bickley moved to request approval for out-of-state travel to New York City for Ryan Phillips, Director of Special Olympics, to accompany Special Olympians for a Unified Soccer televised (ESPN) game following Major League Soccer game on October 3, 2015, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Savage moved to approve revisions to Board Policy Sections 5.8, Board Paid Hospitalization, and 6.13, Disability Separations, effective September 25, 2015 with amendments, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to renew health insurance coverage with United Healthcare as recommended by the Insurance Committee and to renew dental insurance coverage at no rate change with Delta Dental for the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Craig moved to go to bid for print management services, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Craig moved to reject bid received from Righter Company in the amount of \$174,700.00, which exceeded the estimate of \$124,835.00 for the project for Watermark Elevator Improvements and to accept the proposal from Otis Elevator using Franklin County terms in the amount of \$121,853.00, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Craig moved to reject bid for Transportation Compound propane station and propane fuel and to rebid, second by Mr. Fadel. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Savage moved to accept bid for Transportation curb cut project from Decker Construction, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$106,641.00 with a contingency amount of \$8,000.00, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Ninos moved to amend contract with Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology for a total contract amount of \$86,635.66, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for early intervention community support sites not to exceed the amount of \$110,870.37 for the period from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Bickley.
- k. Mr. Fadel moved to approve benchmark plan to Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, second by Ms. Ninos. Motion carried unanimously.

- l. Mr. Bickley moved to increase the amount of a state term schedule copier with Gordon Flesch from \$923.21 to \$933.13 to add increased functionality to the print shop copier, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Mr. Bickley moved to sponsor Best Buddies Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 on an annual basis, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried with one abstention by Ms. Savage.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The September 24, 2015 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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