

Marcy Samuel announces retirement

Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD), has announced that she will retire in March, 2019.

Marcy has devoted her career of over 45 years to supporting individuals with disabilities, including positions with the Bureau of Services for the Blind, Ohio Legal Rights, Marc Gold Associates and Goodwill Columbus, where she served as Vice President. In the 1970s, Marcy was the Director of what was then called ARCraft West and for the past 15 years, she has served as Director of Program Operations, overseeing all Departments providing direct services for the FCBDD. Marcy received her law degree from Capital University Law School.

Jed Morison, Superintendent and CEO of the Board stated that "Marcy is one of the most compassionate and reinforcing people I know. This, combined with her smart and logical approach to administering programs within budget, has allowed her to make advancements in every area. She has a fun sense of humor, can be tough at times and has always had the interest of those we serve, their families and staff first and foremost in every decision she makes. Marcy knows 'programming' and has always advocated for what is best for those we serve.



Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations

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Adult Services/ARC Industries transition complete

Effective January 1, 2019, the transition of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities adult services to ARC Industries was complete.

This change, required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 'conflict free case management' rule, has been in process for the past 4 years, when the CMS requirement was announced. As a part of this, adult transportation services were also transitioned to ARC Industries, with a change from buses to vans and some transportation staff transferring to the ARC Industries facilities.

While the change impacted staff mostly, quality services will continue in a similar manner in the Adult facilities and throughout ARC Industries Employment Services. Staff are now employed by ARC Industries and transitioning staff have the option to maintain their same retirement system (OPERS), as required by law.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD stated that the "ARC Industries Board, management leadership and the entire staff have done a remarkable job managing this transition with little disruption in services." ARC Industries will now bill Medicaid directly and has maintained a contract with FCBDD for individuals who do not have Medicaid and for other non-Medicaid services.

ARC Industries began as ARCraft Division of the Council for Retarded Citizens in October, 1963. ARCraft North Sheltered Workshop opened in November, 1963 on Indianola Avenue. ARCraft changed its name to ARC Industries in April, 1980.

Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries commended staff "for all their outstanding work in making for a smooth transition. Both the ARC Industries and Franklin County Boards have been very supportive and have provided excellent leadership from day one."

ARC Industries headquarters are located at 2780 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219 and can be reached at (614) 479-2500.



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Just some of the advancements that were initiated, led or supported by Marcy include the transition for Franklin County Residential Services, Inc. in 2005 and ARC Industries, Inc. in 2019 in response to rules of the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services; leadership resulting in top ratings with CARF, DODD Accreditation and Step Up to Quality; support of agency levy campaigns; and daily support for challenges or problems of individual staff or persons served by the Board. Marcy's law degree has helped immensely with interpretation of rules, laws and different state or federal initiatives and mandates.

Every individual, parent or staff member that she interacts with knows that Marcy's door was always open and her personal interest in people and many "acts of kindness" are well known to many.

According to Dot Yeager, Director of Business Operations for FCBDD, "It has been a true privilege to work alongside Marcy. She is a fierce advocate for those we serve and for all of our staff. She is an independent thinker and always keeps the 'big picture' in mind when making decisions."

Marcy will retire in March, 2019. About her career, she says, "the bedrock of what we do is the parents who started our services. We need to remember to advocate for individuals and their family members and to remind ourselves of their value and importance. And to remember, when we support staff, we also support those we are charged to serve. I will miss the daily contact with everyone and am proud of the role I've played to keep quality services as the priority in every decision."

While retirement plans are still not finalized, Marcy looks forward to taking some time to figure out what she will do in the future. Maintaining quality time with friends and family will be a priority.

Special thanks to Marcy Samuel for a career supporting thousands of individuals in so many ways. Jed Morison says, "Marcy's kindness, thoughtfulness and outstanding service will be missed but the solid foundation she has provided for so many programs will live on for many years to come. She has been a treasure to this field and our community."

Partnerships continue

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) and Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) have renewed their agreements to serve children eligible for both systems.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD stated, "We value our relationship with FCCS, as we both support children who have developmental disabilities and also are eligible for FCCS services."

One partnership agreement spells out the responsibilities for the two organizations. It includes a provision that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will reimburse Franklin County Children Services up to \$450,000 per year for services provided to children eligible for both agencies.

The second agreement renews a partnership with FCCS, FCBDD and ADAMH (Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health) Board to support up to four children who are eligible for services from from multiple agencies. This service is provided at Kimberly Woods, an Intermediate Care Facility for individuals who have developmental disabilities, operated by Boundless, Inc., The Franklin County Family and Children First Council also supports this service.

Jed Morison stated, "We are fortunate in Franklin County to have organizations that are willing to work together. I remember the days when we all pointed the finger at the other agency to provide the services."

Linda Craig elected to OACB Board

Linda Craig, Past President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, has been elected to a two-year term on the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), serving individuals who have developmental disabilities.

Linda has served on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for eight years, including two as President of the Board. During her second year as President, the Board passed a ten-year renewal levy.

Linda will replace Dean Fadel, Past President and current member of the Franklin County Board. Dean has served on the OACB Board for twelve years during some of the most challenging years in our history. His service on OACB Board included two terms as president of the statewide organization.

Linda Craig is currently serving her third term as a member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In her work, she serves as the Supervisor of the Customer Service Division of the Franklin County Treasurer's Office.



Karin Crabbe recognized

Karin Crabbe, Medicaid Waiver Services Manager for the Service Coordination Department of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD), was recently recognized with a statewide award from the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB).

The "Partners in Excellence" Award was presented to Karin on November 29, 2018 at the OACB statewide convention for her work related to the revised Waiting List rule. Lori Stanfa, Service Policy Analyst for OACB, presented the award to Karin and three other staff members representing County Boards. In presenting the award, Lori stated that Karin and the others provided exemplary service for all their work assisting in the development of the rule and training to the field.

The revised Waiting List rule became effective in September. A new statewide assessment is now used to evaluate current or immediate needs. The previous rule was confusing and frustrating for many as it did not require an evaluation of need and people from all over the state could apply to be on the Franklin County waiting list, including those who are not even eligible for services from a County Board.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD stated that "Karin has done exceptional work on the Waiting List, representing Franklin County and benefitting the entire state. And, the work continues now with implementation of the new rule."



Pictured with Karin Crabbe, from left to right are Marrienne Bobo, Dotti Ellingsworth, Tracey Crawford, Karin Crabbe, Lindsay Holt, Scott Erenpreiss, Wendy Abel, and Lee Childs. Fellow staff members celebrated the news with placards of Karin.

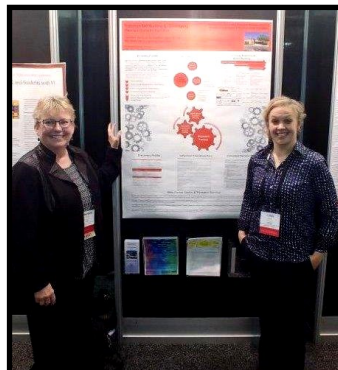
Congratulations Karin Crabbe!

Transition services presented at OCALICON

Lillian Beck, Transition Coordinator and Dr. Maryalice Turner, Principal at West Central School and Transition Services, recently represented the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) at OCALICON, the Nation's Premier Autism and Disabilities Conference.

Their topic was "Transition Skill Building & Opportunity, Charting a Course for the Future." There was wide interest in the topic, with numerous participants attending to learn more about how the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities partners with community schools and businesses in preparing young people for their transition to adulthood. Their presentation focused on the Discovery Process, the school's options for students and the Transition to Work summer program.

This year's conference combined with the Special Education Leadership Institute and was held at the Columbus Convention Center with over 3000 in attendance from throughout the United States and some other countries.



Dr. Maryalice Turner, Principal and Lillian Beck, Transition Coordinator at West Central School.

Settlement agreement reached

A settlement agreement that has been reached in the longstanding *Doe v. State of Ohio* class action lawsuit will require efforts by the state to improve special education test scores and rates of inclusion in some Ohio school districts.

According to Disability Rights Ohio (DRO), the plan will include strategies for improving literacy and other supports for students and classroom teachers, such as evidence-based behavior support. The settlement will also provide additional help for students as they transition from high school to employment, further education and independent living.

"This settlement will create a court-enforceable plan that should open many doors of opportunity for students with disabilities who are currently shut out of a quality education in Ohio," said Kerstin Sjoberg, Director of Advocacy and Assistant Executive Director at DRO. "We are excited to join forces with the state to support student achievement on so many levels."

EDP program graduates

Congratulations to management staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for completing the Ohio Association of County Boards Executive Development Program. The program included management training sessions throughout the entire year. Pictured from left to right are:

Chris Martin, Technology Department Program and Customer Experience Manager; Dustin Schwab, Community Employment Services Supervisor; Grace Terry, Contract Site Supervisor; Robyn Norman, Northeast Center Training Supervisor; Lindsay Holt, Assistant Director of Service Coordination; Mike Dancho, Community Employment Services Supervisor; Robin Rexroad, ARC West Training Supervisor; Marianne Bobo, Residential Planning, Support Manager of Consumer Data Management; Allison Zuhosky, Service Coordination Supervisor; Toby Paine, Investigative Agent; Scott Erenpreiss, Residential Planning, Support Finance Manager; Lindsey Musser, Provider Compliance Review Specialist; and Tim Voigt, Service Coordination Supervisor.



2019 Dancing with Our Stars Gala

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) will have their 2019 Dancing with Our Stars Gala at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

This event is unlike any other, featuring professionally choreographed dances performed by 40 adults with Down syndrome, all while raising funds and awareness for DSACO.

More than 650 people are expected to attend this year's event, ranging from corporate partners to family members of loved ones with Down syndrome, all to support the dancers, while raising funds for DSACO. Tickets are \$75/person through the month of December. Tickets will increase to \$85/person on Friday, January 4, 2019.

For details, call DSACO at 614-263-6020 or visit their website at www.dsaco.net.



'NewsBits' Reminder

If you want to keep up with the latest news, join over 2500 people who receive 'NewsBits' for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

'NewsBits' is an email blast that updates recipients of the latest news. The intent is for the emails to be short with 'bits' of information, hence the name 'NewsBits'.

To sign up for 'NewsBits', visit the website of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (www.fcbdd.org) and click on the sign up at the bottom of the home page.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community



A very special thanks to Dean Fadel, for many years of leadership as President and member of the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB). Dean's term on the OACB Board ends in January, 2019. Dean will continue to be a member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Special Thanks to Jennifer Schueneman and her entire team and staff for exceeding our goal by over 15% for the Combined Charitable Campaign. Over \$58,000 has been raised or pledged for 2019!

Congratulations to Carl Scott and the entire Operation Feed team and staff for receiving the "Government Superstar Award" for outstanding success with the 2018 Operation Feed campaign.



Special thanks to the ARC Industries Board, staff and participants for making the transition from FCBDD Adult Services to ARC Industries so smoothly!

Kenny Hughes, formerly with Goodwill Columbus, has been hired as Director of ARC Industries West. Best wishes!

Special thanks to Emma Kate Low and 'Family' (614) Magazine for the wonderful article on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Early Childhood Education and Family Center in the Winter, 2018 issue.



Congratulations to Hearcel Craig, recently elected Ohio Senator. Senator Craig has consistently supported services for individuals with developmental disabilities while a member of Columbus City Council and the Ohio House of Representatives. Senator Craig will represent District 15.

Senator Hearcel Craig

Special thanks to Senators Kevin Bacon and Charleta Tavares and Representatives Mike Duffey, Anne Gonzales and Jim Hughes for consistent support of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities all these years. Senators Bacon and Tavares and Representatives Duffey, Gonzales and Hughes finished their terms in January.



Senator Kevin Bacon



Representative Mike Duffey



Representative Anne Gonzales



Representative Jim Hughes



Senator Charleta Tavares

Congratulations to recently elected Senator Tina Maharath. Senator Maharath will represent District 3.



Senator Tina Maharath

Career Milestones

30 years

Tina Davis

25 years

Charlene Leach

20 years

Kathy Chase

10 years

**Connie Carter
Jennifer Hicks-Rich
Jennifer Hopkins
James Roberts
Thomas Thomin**

5 years

**Kevin Hammond
Jodi Toth
Julie Weckesser
Angela York**

Special thanks to Auditor Clarence Mingo for excellent service over the past eight years and congratulations to Auditor-Elect Michael Stinziano, who will become Auditor in March, 2019.

Best wishes to Tina Pashovich on retirement. Tina provided excellent services as our Coordinator of the Aquatics Department for 31 years.



Thank you, once again, to ARC of Ohio and David Lewis, for another generous donation of toys for children served by the FCBDD Early Childhood partnership.



Calendar

January, 2019

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 3 FCBDD early childhood and schools resume.
- 5 14th Annual "For the Fun of It" bowling event, Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd. 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed -- all county facilities closed.
- 24 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance, Human Resources and Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 24 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Annual Organizational Board meeting and regular meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

Dateline

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Dean Fadel
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www.fcbdd.org

Jack Beatty returns

Jack Beatty, former Director of Service Coordination, has agreed to return to the staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities on a limited basis to write feature articles for *Dateline*. He will work up to 2-hours per week.

Jack retired in November, 2017. While at Service Coordination, his writing of monthly articles were always the highlight of the newsletter. The articles were published at his retirement.

Jack will be asked to do feature stories on Providers, individuals, families, new initiatives of the state or FCBDD, etc. Story ideas can be emailed to Jack at jack.beatty@fcbdd.org or by calling 614-342-5903. Jack's mailing address will be: Jack Beatty, FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Welcome back to Jack Beatty.

