



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**April 23, 2020**

Board Members Present via teleconference: John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford,  
Beth Savage, Renée Stein, Michael Underwood,  
Bill Wilkins

Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Gwynn Kinsel,  
Amy Magginis, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on March 31, 2020, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot explained to Board members, the requirement of the Auditor, for Board members to approve bill payments made each month. Dot reviewed expenditures by program category for March 2020. Our year to date revenue through March 31, 2020 is at 49.1% and expenditures are at 23.8%, these numbers are on track. We have received the first installment of the Real Estate income. Superintendent Morison commented that we will need to carefully follow finances for the remainder of the year, including property taxes, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members. Several Service Coordinators and a few other staff have been hired during the month of March. The month of April and May will show a great reduction in the number of hires due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our staff are effectively working remotely with technology. All departments are working and open. Schools are using remote operations and distance learning. Operation Feed donations have reached almost \$2000.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thanks to Board for meeting through teleconference again and the Board In-Service.
- Just a reminder that our May Board meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on May 14 and will include Board In-Service and meeting.
- Staff continue to do an excellent job providing services, almost exclusively remotely. We are learning new ways of doing things.
- Preschool and school buildings will be closed until the end of the school year due to COVID-19 and the Governor's order. We will continue to do distance learning.
- We are sorry to report that Jean Williams, former Board member, recently passed away.
- Special Olympics sports and the State Summer Games has been cancelled due to the Pandemic.
- Dot Yeager and Superintendent Morison continue to meet with the Commissioners and Health Commissioner and other Elected Officials and County Executives on a daily basis, seven days a week during this Pandemic. The Superintendent has a daily meeting with other Superintendents.
- We still have not heard definitely about the Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage) due to COVID-19. If additional funds are paid by federal government, we will have savings that can be directed to Providers or for other purposes.
- We have implemented the pilot program that the Board approved for Providers who have individuals who are required to be quarantined.
- While our services are provided to over 10,000 individuals with developmental disabilities in Franklin County, we are pleased we are only aware of six confirmed cases of COVID-19. Credit goes to families, Providers and Staff for practicing preventive measures such as social distancing (6 feet separation), stay at home, etc.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Craig moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented via electronic means to Board members on the Finance Committee on April 23, 2020, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to reject the bid and rebid for 2020 Roof Maintenance, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for early intervention and pre-school services for an additional one-year term, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$824,469, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Underwood 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, for an additional one-year term, beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$207,270, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for specialized psychiatric services for individuals for persons with a dual diagnosis, not to exceed the amount of \$109,242, for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to authorize the lease of two Print Shop copiers – a Canon 850iIII at \$699.14/month and a Canon C710 at \$776.87/month. The Administration copier is a Canon 5550iIII at \$196.71/month according to State of Ohio contract terms, second by Ms. Stein. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Center for Human Services (CCHS) for emergency respite services for up to four individuals at a time, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, for the period beginning April 24, 2020 and ending June 30, 2020, with option for renewal, second Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Superintendent Morison shared that Christine Brown provided an update and will send it to the Board. Christine recently was on a TV show called 'Tuesday with Liz' and spoke about Medicaid Buy In, she did a great job. Christine's father recently had surgery and is doing well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

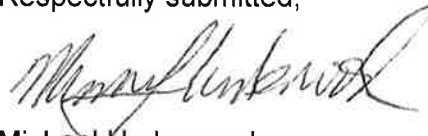
**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -**

Christine shared that OSU has created 'Easy Read' Instructions for using your controls on the computer as it relates to various technology programs. Christine is planning to do a COVID-19 'Aftermath' Survey – which will have questions for individuals, providers, family members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The April 23, 2020 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Savage.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood  
Secretary

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