



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**January 28, 2021**

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

Board Members Excused: Bill Wilkins

Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Lindsay Holt, Gwynn  
Kinsel, Amy Magginis, David Ott, Jeff Pattison, Rita Price, Dot  
Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Underwood moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on November 16, 2020, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Budget & Finance Report:** Superintendent/CEO Morison provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Jed reported that revenue is at 98% and expenditures are at 84% at the end of December. Expenditures were less than expected due to EFMAP increase due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer has done a great job.

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that November had little activity and December had no hires, separations or retirement. David discussed the temporary COVID leave policy that will cover the leave concerns for staff, now that the FFCRA that has ended. This is paid leave for staff with COVID type issues that covers a two week period. Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel was integral in writing the policy. David reported that the FCBDD Training Center will begin next week – HR will oversee the weekly, optional trainings for FCBDD staff. Some topics will include Institutional History, Trauma Informed/Responsive Care, STRS/ OPERS, Financial Wellness, Equity/Diversity training, Self-Advocate Advisory Council, among other topics. School Age staff (K-12) vaccines will begin next week per the Governor and Ohio Health Department.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Welcome to Rita Price, who joined our staff earlier this month and is off to a good start as our Communications Coordinator.
- ◆ Larry Macintosh, Joni Sparks, Lee Childs and their staffs are doing a remarkable job coordinating our vaccine effort. We appreciate the Governor and Director Davis' efforts to prioritize individuals with developmental disabilities. In Tier 1A and 1B, we have a total of 11,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and some of their direct care staff who are included.
- ◆ Speaking of vaccines, our two Health Departments and Nationwide Childrens Hospital have been working hard in partnership with our staff. The next 2 weeks, many will be vaccinated.
- ◆ Our Early Childhood and School programs returned to in-person classes on January 19, 2021. Students at West Central attend daily, five days/ week. Students in Early Childhood classes attend every other week. Staff have done excellent work virtually and in-person.
- ◆ West Central School staff will begin receiving their vaccines next week. Unfortunately, vaccines are only scheduled for school staff. Preschool will be at a later time.
- ◆ We are excited about our FCBDD Training Center that David Ott mentioned earlier. David and his staff are doing an excellent job of coordinating this.
- ◆ As Dot Yeager reported, the Franklin County Commissioners have approved our budget for the 2021 year. Dot and her staff have done excellent work with our budget, keeping us on track with our long-term levy plan to stay off the ballot until the current levy expires in 2028.
- ◆ The Commissioners are expected to appoint a new Board member to replace Renée Stein. Renée's term officially ended tonight.
- ◆ We are looking forward to a follow-up visit from the Accreditation team in April. Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs and their staff are doing good work related to this process.
- ◆ The State budget for the next biennium is expected to be introduced later this week. This two-year budget will be for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. We will be interested in the budget initiatives or policy matters that impact services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Underwood 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 January 28, 2021, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Bickley moved to affirm report from Hearing Officer Jeff Cabot regarding Rent Subsidy, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to approve the temporary COVID Leave policy, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to approve 2021/2022 Program Year Calendars, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Underwood moved to approve the Superintendent's Professional Development Plan, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Ms. Crawford moved to approve the 2021 Annual Action Plan, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to approve the expenditure of up to \$83,340,000.00 that Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is required to pay according to ORC 5126:059 and 5126.0510 for its ongoing financial commitment for Medicaid waiver match, for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the agreement with I am Boundless, Inc., for supplemental services for individuals enrolled in the Multi-System Youth Pilot Program at Kimberly Woods, in an amount not to exceed at total of \$375,000.00, and to renew funding partnerships with ADAMH and FCCS, for the period from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for the Transition to Work Summer Program at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the period beginning February 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to auction vehicles that have become obsolete or unfit for public use as prescribed by ORC 1207.12(E) using Govdeals.com through Franklin County Public Facilities Management or through private auction, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreements for emergency respite, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

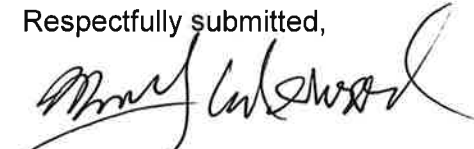
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Self-Advocate Advisory Council will meet in March. President Savage gave special thanks to the many staff that are doing great work in the midst of the pandemic.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** - Christine Brown shared details on a Sub Committee set up to discuss combining the SELF Waiver and Level One Waiver. Christine Brown, Self-Advocate; Lisa Comes, and Lori Stanfa with OACB; Dana Charlton, OSDA Executive Director; will sit on this committee. Christine suggested that our staff receive training by Ohio Technology Ambassadors, a new group focused on how technology has changed the lives of those we serve. Ohio Disability Rights Ohio has given guidelines for individuals and caregivers who need to be hospitalized.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The January 28, 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood  
Secretary