



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

March 25, 2021

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

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

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

MINUTES

Ms. Craig moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on February 25, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot reported that revenue is at 38% and expenditures are at 18.5% at the end of February.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that February had light activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Operation Feed campaign is underway supporting the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. To date staff have raised about \$5,000 in monetary donations. Due to the pandemic, special events and canned food collection cannot occur. The FCBDD Training Center has offered seven trainings during February and March. Good attendance from staff has been reported. The sessions are recorded for staff viewing at later dates. Board members will be sent the links to future trainings. David provided an update on the current Unemployment Fraud. We are continuing to address these issues with ODJFS.

Board member Linda Craig indicated that checking on your credit report is important during this heightened time of identity theft. Board President Savage indicated that cybercrime is increased overall globally and encouraged everyone to change passwords frequently.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Thanks to presenters for our Board in-service on the topics of Equity, financial forecasting, COVID, housing acquisitions and Ohio ISP.
- ◆ March is DD Awareness Month. This did include a virtual DD Awareness Day with state and other initiatives.
- ◆ We will not have a Spring Break this year for our Early Childhood and School programs to make up for time lost over the Winter months due to the pandemic. We will have a staff development day on Friday, April 2 and virtual services will be provided on April 5 to allow families a small break. In-person services will continue on April 6, 2021.
- ◆ Our most recent trends related to COVID-19 are encouraging with less cases and deaths reported. We are aware of approximately 500 confirmed cases of individuals with developmental disabilities and 21 deaths since the pandemic began one year ago. The number of cases and hospitalizations have stabilized. Approximately 60 staff have tested positive this past year.
- ◆ While COVID-19 cases have stabilized our Health Commissioners have emphasized that we need to continue all safety protocols, including wearing masks, social (6 feet) distancing, sanitization, etc.
- ◆ There is a bill being considered in the House that would change the way levy ballot language is written. H.B. 140 is, as written, being opposed by the Ohio School Boards Association, Libraries Association and our Ohio Association of County Boards, as it's felt this change would confuse voters.
- ◆ We are conducting our annual Operation Feed campaign. Staff are generous in these efforts because many see the needs in our community.
- ◆ The Ohio Association of County Boards has announced that their Spring Conference will be held virtually, similar to their Annual Convention in November. They will have four, one-hour sessions per day on nine separate days over a 3 week period. When details are finalized, we will send details.
- ◆ Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council met earlier this month. The Superintendent and Advocates provided updates. A recent initiative of the Board is sponsorship of a self-defense training program for self-advocates titled Impact Ability.
- ◆ Our Community Star Awards are scheduled for October 28, 2021 at Villa Milano. We are not accepting nominations until June 14, 2021.
- ◆ We anticipate that our County Commissioners will appoint another Board member prior to our next Board meeting.
- ◆ The Provider Support grant program continues for personal protective equipment and additional staffing when quarantine is necessary. We will ask the Board to consider an increase in the amount by an additional \$75,000.
- ◆ We are expecting that virtual meetings will continue at least through June, 2021. An effort is underway to approve an extension of this and possibly a law to consider virtual meetings in other situations.
- ◆ The Superintendent asked Board members for feedback on future meeting times when the pandemic is over.

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 March 25, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Childhood League for early intervention and preschool services not to exceed the amount of \$1,175,605 for a period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for the PIECE Transition Services project for the period beginning August 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, not to exceed the amount of \$53,627, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with the Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment (CCDE) for early intervention services, up to \$7,000 per child, not to exceed the amount of \$140,000, for up to twenty children, for a period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Crawford moved to award the bid for ECLC Boiler Replacement to CD Whitfield Co., LLC for a base bid in the amount of \$120,000 and a contingency of \$12,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to extend temporary COVID leave policy through September 30, 2021, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the purchase of competitive retail electric service through META from the lowest responsible bidder for the billing period beginning July 2022 and ending no later than June 2027, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize an increase in the ceiling of expenditures by \$75,000 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the Provider Support Grant program, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

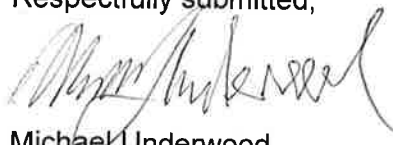
ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Christine Brown shared an update on discussions occurring related to combining the SELF Waiver and Level One. Amounts for the waivers remain in discussion. Ms. Brown shared concerns about local tax funds versus federal funds being used to pay for interpreter services. The IO waiver is the only waiver that includes interpreter services.

ADJOURNMENT

The March 25, 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood
Secretary

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