



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

April 22, 2021

Board Members Present via teleconference: Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Beth Savage,
Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: John Bickley, Michael Underwood

Staff Present via teleconference: 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 March 25, 2021, second by Mr. Wilkins. 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 51.9% and expenditures are at 24% at the end of March. Dot provided the Quarterly Expense Report by program category. There was funding received for Direct Service Professional Waiver Match. A resolution is included today for Purchasing and Grant funds policy revisions to align with Ohio Department of Education requirements.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that March had light activity. Looking ahead to Summer, there are expected retirements and resignations that naturally occur and school programs will adjust for ratios as needed.

President Savage indicated that in a rare instance, Jed Morison, Superintendent had a conflict today and could not attend the Board meeting. Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer will step in as designee for the Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Reported by Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager

- ◆ We are pleased to announce that the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has completed our accreditation and have indicated that our official accreditation will be granted in the next month. Special thanks to our staff for completing this process. Larry Macintosh heads this up for our agency and has done a great job.
- ◆ West Central School will have virtual graduation services this year. All students will be featured on a video. Yard signs will be placed at students homes and other special recognition will be provided to recognize this milestone.
- ◆ While the COVID pandemic continues, we have been pleased to see a decline in the number of individuals we serve who have tested positive or passed away due to the virus. Franklin County is now in the Purple – Level 4 alert stage due to increased hospitalizations.
- ◆ Vaccine appointments have opened up significantly for those individuals we serve and staff. We continue to encourage individuals to consider the vaccine.
- ◆ Because Franklin County has moved to the Level 4 alert level, our Special Olympics outdoor, in-person, events have been suspended due to a decision of Ohio Special Olympics. We had just re-started events.
- ◆ Our Early Childhood and School programs are continuing and we expect will continue in-person services until the end of the school year in early June.
- ◆ Each year, the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) and PAR (Professionals, Associates, Resources) collaborate to put on the Synergy Conference for self-advocates and professionals. We would like to join other Boards to assist with the conference with a \$2,000 sponsorship and will request approval today.
- ◆ The Ohio Association of County Boards Spring conference will be held virtually in May. If any Board members would like to attend any of the sessions, please let Amy know and she will register you. You should have already received the program.
- ◆ Our Equity Committee had another training last week with Dr. Antoinette Miranda, Professor at The Ohio State University, providing an excellent presentation titled “Embracing Diversity and Inclusion.” Our Equity Committee and FCBDD Training Center are doing great work in this regard.
- ◆ Thanks to the generosity of our staff, over \$9,000 was raised for Operation Feed.
- ◆ We have begun discussions about expanding our multi-system youth program. This is a collaboration with Franklin County Children Services, ADAMH, and the ICF at Kimberly Woods operated by Boundless.

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 22, 2021, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to recognize the 30th Anniversary of Creative Housing, Inc., second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to approve sponsorship of the Synergy Conference in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, on an annual basis, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew contract with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities (formerly Association for the Developmentally Disabled) for early intervention/early childhood education services and community-based recreation experiences for adults for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$2,165,000, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center for behavior support services, at the rate of \$85.50 per hour for professional services and \$36 per hour for other related services, not to exceed the amount of \$1,900,000, for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the revision of Board policies 11.25 - Purchasing and 11.29 - Grant Funds, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Ms. Wanda Beavers asked to discuss the subject of parents being paid to be providers of their minor children. During the Pandemic, payment to parents of minor children has been allowed temporarily. ARC of Ohio had a recent discussion about this becoming permanent. Ms. Beavers said that DODD and Governor are in support of this but the County Boards had concerns. Where does the county stand on this decision?

President Savage thanked Ms. Beavers for the question. We continue to look at this issue; we want to take a thoughtful approach and try to understand all of the consequences of such a decision.

Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager indicated that, as she understand it, that there has not been an official decision on this.

Ms. Beavers asked if advocates in the community as well as parents could be involved in addressing any concerns related to this and hear the Board's concerns about this.

President Savage indicated that she would not want to speak for the Superintendent on this, but all things that we do here, we want to be transparent on decisions being made. We want to be thorough – whether we host meetings in a forum or one on one – we are interested in hearing all views.

Ms. Beavers stated that a forum would be an excellent way to approach this.

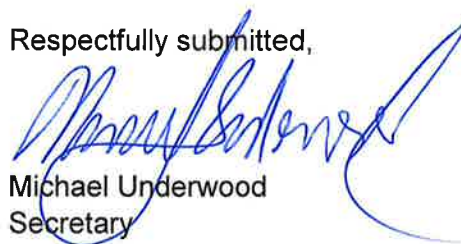
President Savage shared that the challenge is that this may be a state decision. President Savage indicated she or staff would follow up with Ms. Beavers after the meeting.

Lee Child's Director of Service Coordination confirmed that this is a state decision. OACB represents all 88 counties and we would anticipate that any state rule change would require public notice and comment opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

The April 22, 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood
Secretary

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