

# Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison Superintendent/CEO

# REGULAR MEETING Minutes June 10, 2021

Board Members Present via teleconference:

John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Beth Savage, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

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Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Lee Childs, Angie Franke, 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**

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on May 20, 2021, second by Ms. Crawford. <u>Motion carried unanimously</u>.

#### **REPORTS**

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Dot reported that revenue is at 70% and expenditures are at 39% of budget as expected for this time of year. Cost Report settlements are reached with annual verification. 2019 the State Auditor will begin verification. The larger counties in Ohio will routinely be part of the review. Jennifer Schueneman and Larry Macintosh are instrumental in this verification. Each Board member will be notified of the cost settlement in the next few months. President Savage explained the difference between a traditional audit and 'agreed upon procedures'.

<u>Human Resources & Ethics Report:</u> Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that May had light activity. The month of June and August reports may see increased activity due to retirements and hiring for the next school year.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thank you for the opportunity to provide a Board In-Service on our Current Needs List, Multi-System Youth, state budget initiatives, Ohio ISP and our 'Connector' pilot program. Thanks also to Larry Macintosh, Lee Childs and Dot Yeager for their presentations.
- As Dot Yeager reported, the state budget is still being discussed. The Senate Finance Committee has included a 2% per year Medicaid reimbursement rate increase for Home and Community Based Services, Adult Day Services and Intermediate Care Facilities.
- The Senate Finance version of the state budget does not include continuation of remote meetings.
- We have just launched a pilot program called 'The Connector' to help individuals connect with Providers. This will be coordinated by Joni Sparks in Larry Macintosh's office. Larry is also looking at another option utilizing more technology.
- Dot Yeager is heading up a committee to develop a remote or telework policy. Since the pandemic began, we have learned much. The committee will look at others policies and consider recommendations that assure accountability and flexibility. Most staff cannot work remotely because they are providing direct services.
- Regarding COVID, news is good and trends are better regarding case counts and hospitalizations. Statistics in both cases are better since the pandemic began. Still much to do, including vaccines. At FCBDD facilities, we will be mask friendly by encouraging masks in public places and crowded settings for those vaccinated and requiring masks for those not vaccinated during home or family visits.
- Last night, Larry Macintosh and Superintendent/CEO Morison attended an event with an organization called All Inclusive Living or 'All In,' regarding a housing initiative that would serve individuals with disabilities and without disabilities together. We expect to hear more about this in the future.
- In addition to the resolutions on the advanced Board agenda, we will also be asking the Board to approve an agreement with our Franklin County Family and Children First Council to support Celebrate One. Celebrate One has a goal of reducing infant mortality and the agreement would continue funding in the same amount of \$100,000.
- Recognizing that remote/virtual meetings may not be possible after June 30, 2021, we propose to have our July 22 meeting in-person at 2879 Johnstown Road at 11:30 a.m., since we have published this time. Then beginning in September, we will return to previous meetings schedule, with Committee meetings beginning at 4:00 p.m. and Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. If Board members are comfortable with this, we will follow this schedule.
- Our Special Olympics team is back to providing in-person events again. We also have great news regarding a partnership with the Columbus Crew and an event that will take place on June 22, where some of our Special Olympians will be recognized
- The Superintendent met with Self-Advocate Advisory Council today.

#### 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 June 10, 2021, second by Mr. Wilkins.

  Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Craig moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Alvis House for behavior support services, at specified rates per hour, not to exceed \$620,000, for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Underwood moved to award bid for 2021 Door Replacement Project to Ultimax in the amount of \$262,160 for the base bid, \$13,625 for Alternate #1 to add safety film to the interior doors and a contingency of \$65,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to reach agreement with Ohio Association of Public School Employees regarding pay supplement, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Crawford moved to renew agreement with Franklin County Family and Children First Council to support Celebrate One, to reduce infant mortality, in the amount, not to exceed \$100,000, for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – none

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Christine Brown provided an update on the recommendations for the changes to the Waiver related to Internet Coverage and Home Delivered Meals. Christine would like us to consider a Board seminar when the changes are finalized.

Superintendent/CEO Morison indicated that the state is looking at aligning the SELF and Level 1 waivers, to make them similar.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The June 10, 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Underwood

Secretary