



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**July 22, 2021**

Board Members Present (In-Person): John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford,  
Beth Savage, Bill Wilkins

Staff Members Present (In-Person): Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, Amy Magginis, David Ott,  
Emmanuel Owusu-Boadi, Travis Sherick, Dot Yeager

Staff Present via teleconference: Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Tara Craig, Craig Derksen,  
Lindsay Holt, Rebecca Love, Rita Price

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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. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held via teleconference on June 10, 2021, second by Ms. Craig. 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 71.4% and expenditures are at 43.5% of budget as expected for this time of year. Dot included a report by program category. Details on the Cost Report Settlement, Real Estate Taxes, Federal Revenue and Medicaid Match was shared. Dot reported that a committee met on the topic of a new policy related to Telework, which is included on the agenda for today.

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report to the Board members indicating that June had light activity with no hires to report. David has drafted a new policy related to a Referral Bonus for employees of the Board, for those positions that are hard to fill. This bonus would not include family members that are hired. Bill Ryan, Director of Transportation Services and James Leonard, Compound Site Supervisor, have been working hard to bring on new Bus Drivers. The Board offers competitive wages and benefits. Lee Childs, Director of Service Coordination has been working hard to fill Service Coordination vacancies; those hires will be detailed in next month's Board packet.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Thank you to Board members for returning to in-person meetings. Beginning with the September 23, 2021 meeting, we will plan to have Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. and Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. Special thanks to the IT Department for assisting with the hybrid-meeting model.
- ◆ The Governor has signed the 2 year budget. It includes an appropriation for Provider rate increases, which will include an increase for Adult, Residential and Transportation Providers. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is tentatively planning for a 4% increase to be effective on January 1, 2022, rather than two 2% increases.
- ◆ Included in the Board packet are some policy revisions with updated terminology. Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel and our Equity Committee have done good work updating these policies. We will also request your consideration of two new policies related to telework and referral fees for hard to fill positions. Dot Yeager and David Ott have done a nice job drafting these policies.
- ◆ We are currently doing final planning for the start of the school year in late August. Current plans are for early childhood preschool classes to return to full attendance (18 students per inclusive class) and for West Central School to return to full attendance. We anticipate additional guidance from our Health Departments regarding safety protocols.
- ◆ Our Franklin County Special Olympics program had a special honor recently with an event held at the new Crew stadium prior to its opening. Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics Coordinator did an excellent job coordinating and introduced the members of the Ohio Unified Soccer Team that includes 4 Franklin County Special Olympians and Ryan has been selected as Coach. They will compete in Florida next June.
- ◆ Congratulations to Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative Support Services for being selected to receive the Nisonger Champion Award. Larry does excellent work in many respects and was most deserving of the recognition. He represents us well.
- ◆ We have announced the postponement of the Community Star Awards event due to the pandemic. After much thought, it was decided that we are simply not ready for a gathering of over 500 people in an indoor venue. We will look forward to 2022.
- ◆ Our agency has taken a 'Mask Friendly' approach to mask protocols for COVID-19. We are asking if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. If you are working in close proximity to others or doing home visits, to continue to wear a mask.
- ◆ Our Early Childhood and Technology staff have done an excellent job updating their micro-site on our webpage. Special thanks to Becky Love and her team and Chris Martin from our Technology Department.
- ◆ Fred Cloppert has been our representative to the Franklin County Guardianship Services Board. His term expires at the end of December. We are recommending that the Board appoint Robert E. Ryan to this Board. Bob Ryan is the President of Egan Ryan Funeral Home and would be an excellent member of this three person Board. Fred Cloppert has been excellent.

- ◆ Former Ohio Representative Erica Crawley has been appointed Franklin County Commissioner to replace former Commissioner Marilyn Brown. We look forward to working with Commissioner Crawley.
- ◆ Future Ready Columbus supporting children with and without disabilities approved their comprehensive plan today, which addresses school readiness for children up to age 5.
- ◆ Our 2022 budget meeting with the County Commissioner staff is scheduled for September 2, 2021. Dot Yeager and Jennifer Schueneman, Controller, do an excellent job preparing the budget. The Commissioners will consider formal approval of the budget in November or December.
- ◆ The Nisonger Tech Summit is taking place today and tomorrow.
- ◆ The last update relates to our waiting list, or what we now call our current needs list. A couple months ago, in light of our current funding status, the Superintendent asked Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs to develop a proposal to reduce the number of people we have on our current needs list.

You will recall that the state, with the help of our staff, changed the waiting list rule. We previously had over 10,000 on our list, which included people from other counties or some who may not have been eligible for services.

At the end of this calendar year, we expect to have less than 700 on our current needs list.

And, our plan, based on our projections of new enrollments, transfers, exit waivers and disenrollments is that we will reduce our current needs list to under 100 by the end of 2022. This will require an aggressive enrollment effort and the temporary hire of additional Service Coordinators, but we think the timing is right. From then on, we should be able to maintain low numbers on our current needs list, assuming that disenrollments equal or are greater than new enrollments. This will be subject evaluation as we go.

We are excited about this and plan to incorporate these projections in our 2022 staffing projections and budget.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Crawford 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 July 22, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to partner with the Ohio Provider Resource Association to assist with recruitment and retention of Direct Services Professionals (DSPs) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO explained that OPRA (Ohio Provider Resource Network) will provide up to \$5,000 per provider agency to recruit and retain employees. Ms. Crawford asked who the specific providers are. Jed indicated that there were only 9 providers that requested the assistance, so all provider agencies that requested the assistance would be receiving the assistance.

- c. Ms. Craig moved to thank Fred Cloppert for his outstanding representation on the Franklin County Guardianship Services Board and to appoint Robert E. Ryan to the Franklin County Guardianship Services Board, effective in January, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mr. Bickley moved to approve revisions to the following policies: 1.1 Definitions; 1.3 Objectives; 6.1 Holidays; 6.18 Assault Leave; 7.8 Solicitation and Distribution; 11.1 Philosophy; 11.3 Public Information; and 11.17 Building Utilization, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Crawford moved to approve a new policy on Telework, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to approve new policy on a Referral Bonus for staff, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a pilot program with The Learning Spectrum to provide medically necessary therapeutic services, which are not included in the child's Individual Education Plan and which exceed the service limits imposed by the child's health insurance coverage, to children with developmental disabilities who are not enrolled in a Medicaid waiver program, at various per-child, per-unit rates; including, but not limited to, occupational and speech therapy services, for the period beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, at a total cost not to exceed \$90,000, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS** – Superintendent Morison reminded Board members that there is no August 2021 meeting scheduled. The next meeting scheduled is on September 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. An in-service for Board members will be provided.

President Savage thanked Fred Cloppert for his invaluable service on the Guardianship Services Board and welcomed Mr. Ryan as Fred's replacement. President Savage thanked the Board members for their continual service to the Board during the past 16 months during our virtual meetings.

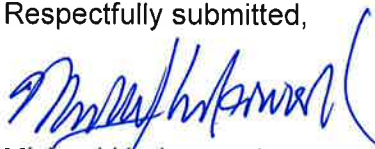
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Superintendent Morison stated that Christine Brown, Self-Advocate, typically provides and update, but due to the OSU Nisonger Tech Summit currently running, she would not be in attendance. There will be a Self-Advocate Advisory Council meeting in September.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Underwood  
Secretary