



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

February 24, 2022

Board Members Present via teleconference: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter, Bill Wilkins

Board Members Excused: Michael Underwood

Management Staff Present via teleconference: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, David Ott, Lee Childs, Rebecca Love, Dot Yeager, Amy Magginis

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Board Member John Bickley.

MINUTES

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the Organizational and Regular meetings held on January 27, 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. The Finance Committee has received finance reports in their packet for the month of January. Revenues in the month of January are at \$168,000. Until we receive the first half of the real estate tax, our revenue will remain light. Expenditures were at 2.6% for the month of January and are in line with expectations.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Director David Ott provided the Human Resources report. The January 2022 Human Resources report was provided to the Board. There has been a dramatic, positive shift downward in the agency-wide COVID-19 case count. March is DD Awareness Month and there will be an event at the statehouse in person, or people can attend virtually if preferred. Operation Feed is also during the month of March. FCBDD has consistently been a top donor to the Mid Ohio Food Collective.

Mr. Bickley inquired about how Provider Agencies are coping with the staffing shortages. Superintendent Morison indicated that there has been some improvement but it continues to be a challenge. Focus continues on how to best support DSPs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- First, thanks for meeting remotely today. We are pleased the Governor signed H.B. 51, which allows for greater flexibility and remote meetings through June. We will continue to consider options.
- COVID numbers are trending in the right direction. Based on our meetings this week with both Health Commissioners, case rates are lower, hospitalizations are down and the positivity rate has improved. While we are still considered high transmission, we are doing better.
- Mask requirement is still in effect for our agency. When the case rates get to under 50/100,000, we will have further discussion on "mask required" or "mask friendly" status.
- Rita Price will compile a report related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As there was no play book to go by, the report will include what we did right and what we could improve upon.
- Dr. Angela Ray has announced that she will retire at the end of August. Dr. Ray is our Director of Psychology and has done excellent work. We will take this opportunity to consider how we want these services to continue in the future.
- We are hosting a vaccine clinic again tomorrow at Northeast Center. This will be the last of four clinics we hosted. Thanks to Dot Yeager for coordinating with Franklin County Public Health and ARC Industries.
- Our Self Advocate Advisory Council will meet on March 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Kim Hauck, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will be joining us. Board member Marci Straughter will represent the Board.
- March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month. There will be an event at the Statehouse on March 2, 2022. The March 'Dateline' will include some nice stories highlighting individuals who have developmental disabilities. We will ask the Board to officially proclaim March as DD Awareness month.
- Polar Plunge for Special Olympics was held on February 19 at Alum Creek Lake. The Franklin County Special Olympics team raised over \$38,000. Several of our staff and volunteers braved the cold weather and water. The event itself raised over \$170,000.
- We continue to meet with legislators to emphasize the importance of continued funding increases for DSPs (Direct Service Professionals). Additionally, we are requesting legislative authority for Board members to attend meetings remotely. We have temporary authorization through June, per H.B. 51, recently signed by the Governor.
- Christine Brown submitted a written report to Board members that was shared with the Board via email.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on February 24, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Childhood League for early intervention and preschool services not to exceed the amount of \$1,199,200 for a period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ms. Savage 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to negotiate agreement with OSU Chabad House (Lifetown) for opioid prevention program for the period beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$17,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House (Lifetown) for simulated learning environment services for the period beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the annual amount not to exceed \$50,000, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to go to bid for landscaping services at certain locations for an initial one-year term, to begin March 1, 2022, with two one-year renewal options, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Davis moved to proclaim March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ms. Straughter indicated that the Ohio Tech Ambassadors kick-off scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 but had its own technological difficulties and will need to be rescheduled, she will let us know when that happens.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Mr. Shaltami indicated that this was the first board meeting that he has attended. He has a son who uses an IO Waiver. Superintendent Morison was able to share the typical format and schedule for Board meetings and indicated where Mr. Shaltami could find the schedule of meetings. Contact information for Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Services was shared as Mr. Shaltami would like to find volunteer opportunities within the agency.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 24, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Bickley.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary