



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**January 27, 2022**

Board Members Present (In-Person): John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage  
Marci Straughter, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Management Staff

Present (In-Person): Jed Morison, Amy Magginis, Larry Macintosh, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager

Management Staff Present via teleconference: Gwynn Kinsel, David Ott

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

Superintendent/CEO Morison thanked Past President Savage for serving as Board President during the past two years – most of which was during the COVID-19 Pandemic. President Savage was very responsive and provided strong support during such unprecedented times.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 18, 2021, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Budget & Finance Report: Finance Committee Chair Bill Wilkins provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. The Finance Committee has received finance reports for November and December, 2021. We have ended the year well with revenue exceeding estimates and expenditures under estimates. Our finances for 2021 were influenced by the Pandemic with more federal funding through Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage). With the federal contribution increasing, our local match requirement was reduced. The County Commissioners have approved our budget for 2022. Our expenditures for this year are estimated at \$245.5 million. Because we are still in an emergency with the Pandemic, we anticipate some possible adjustments throughout the year. Finally, Dot Yeager has done a nice job of analyzing our 2021 numbers explaining the differences from budget estimates due to the pandemic and other factors.

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the Budget and Finance Report from January 27, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

**Human Resources & Ethics Report:** Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison provided the Human Resources report. The HR Committee did not meet due to the Board retreat earlier today. HR reports for November and December were provided to the Board, which included end of the year retirements for long term staff. Staff continue to do excellent work throughout this Pandemic. Just this week we are starting to notice a decline in the number of staff who have tested positive with COVID-19. The Omicron variant is more transmissible, however the symptoms are less severe. Union negotiations have begun and mediation will begin February 11th.

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the Human Resources Report from January 27, 2022, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- First, on behalf of staff, we welcome Marci Straughter to our Board. Superintendent Morison has had the pleasure of knowing Marci for several years and appreciate her advocacy in many ways. Congratulations.
- We are also very appreciative of the Commissioners reappointment of Michael Underwood. Thank you, Mike, for your willingness to continue on the Board.
- And, we especially want to thank Beth Savage for her leadership as President these past two years, throughout this entire pandemic. Beth has been there to guide and support our efforts at every point. Thank you!
- Thanks to Board members for attending this Board retreat / in-service and special thanks to our friends from Boundless for hosting us. Boundless continues to be a leader in the field, including the excellent work with the multi-system youth program.
- Larry Macintosh is coordinating our efforts to get vaccines to individuals who are homebound. Our Franklin County Public Health Department and Upper Arlington EMS/Fire are partnering to serve the entire county.
- Since our last meeting, Jeff Davis has retired from his position as Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Kim Hauck has been appointed by the Governor as the new Director. We look forward to working with Director Hauck and recently extended our best wishes to former Director Davis.
- Workforce shortages continue to be a challenge for some providers. Special thanks to Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs for their efforts to support Providers and the Provider Council. Later this month, the Superintendent will continue his meetings with legislators to discuss the workforce shortages and continued need to increase wages.
- We are in discussion with Franklin County Public Health about hosting a vaccine/ booster clinic at our Northeast Center building in Gahanna. Dot Yeager has coordinated with the Health Department and ARC Industries to consider this. Ms. Yeager indicated that 4 dates in the month of February have been suggested by the health department.
- While we thought this might end sooner, we are still in the COVID pandemic. Fortunately, those who have the Omicron variant are reporting milder symptoms. Unfortunately, Omicron is highly transmissible. We continue with our mitigation strategies, including masking, sanitization and social distancing where possible. Staff continue to provide excellent services and our ECE and School services are operating every day. Isolation and quarantine protocols of the Columbus Health Department are being followed.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Wilkins moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on January 27, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Bickley moved to approve the 2022/2023 Program Year Calendars, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Crawford moved to approve the Superintendent's Professional Development Plan, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Bickley moved to approve the 2022 Annual Action Plan, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve the expenditure of up to \$87,500,000.00 that Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is required to pay according to ORC 5126:059 and 5126.0510 for its ongoing financial commitment for Medicaid waiver match, for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the agreement with I am Boundless, Inc., for supplemental services for individuals enrolled in the Multi-System Youth Pilot Program at Kimberly Woods, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$375,000.00, and to renew funding partnerships with ADAMH and FCCS, for the period from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities for the Transition to Work Summer Program at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the period beginning February 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to auction vehicles that have become obsolete or unfit for public use as prescribed by ORC 307.12(E) using Govdeals.com through Franklin County Public Facilities Management or through private auction, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Bickley moved to award the bid for Bixby Cooling Tower project to General Temperature Control, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$163,000 and contingency of \$17,000, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ms. Straughter shared that she is very excited to be a part of the Board.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – none**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The January 27, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by President Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "W".

Bill Wilkins  
Secretary

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