



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

July 28, 2022

Board Members Present: John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter

Board Members Excused: Samuel Davis (Zoom), Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager,
Amy Magginis, Larry Macintosh, Rita Price

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Board Vice President Marie Crawford.

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 16, 2022, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received updates for the first half of 2022 and included in the finance materials was the monthly year to date report with specific revenue and a year to date expenditure report. We have received 59% of estimated revenue and we are at 42% projected expenditures for annual budget. Budget preparations for 2023 are underway and staff will submit the budget to the Commissioners in late August for review and anticipated approval in December. The 2021 Cost Report was recently completed and staff are currently participating in the 2020 Cost Report audit.

Ms. Savage moved to approve the Finance report, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: John Bickley provided the Human Resources report for the month of June. There were 8 resignations which is typical for this time of year, several staff were hired in the month of July for the start of the school year. We are planning negotiations with OAPSE (Ohio Association of Public School Employees) later this Summer or Fall. OAPSE represents Bus Drivers and Assistants. Our current contract expires on December 31, 2022. The two-year contract for Health Insurance with Anthem will end on December 31, 2022, so we will be meeting with our Insurance Committee to review options. This is likely to lead to a request for proposals from Insurance Companies.

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the Human Resources report, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thanks to the Board members for attending the Board In-Service provided by Critty Buenconsejo of Creative Housing.
- COVID is still with us with reports that Franklin County has moved back up to High-Risk status with more cases reported and increase in hospitalizations. Due to the increases, our Citizens Committee has decided to postpone the Community Star Awards scheduled for September.
- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) have approved the additional funding proposal to increase wages of Direct Service Professionals (DSPs). DODD is preparing a rule to administer this. Thanks to the Board for approving this proposal earlier this year, recognizing that EFMAP (Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) has helped to make this possible. Providers will receive 6.5% of previous quarter billings.
- We had our accreditation review in June and have been told we will be re-accredited. The process will continue for a few more weeks to allow time for clarification/ appeals to some of the cites and plans of correction. We expect a one-year accreditation. Special thanks to our staff for their work related to this.
- Rebecca Holthaus has been hired to replace Dr. Maryalice Turner as Principal for West Central School. Dr. Turner will retire on July 31 and Rebecca will begin on August 1. We appreciate Dr. Turner's good work these past 5 years. Rebecca has excellent experience as a former teacher and Principal, including her most recent position with the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- We will also say good-bye to Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology, who will retire on August 31. Dr. Ray has done excellent work for this agency for 27 years.
- The Ohio Association of County Boards is expected to announce soon that a new CEO has been hired to replace Bridget Gargan.
- One of our resolutions on the agenda is to increase our relationship with 'Best Buddies' to help them establish a 'Citizens' program in Franklin County, whereby they will assist in matching friends to adults with developmental disabilities.
- As noted in my Board report, a new Medicaid program called Ohio RISE (Resiliency through Integrated Systems and Excellence) was launched this month. Ohio RISE will support multi-system youth who have behavioral challenges and who may also have juvenile justice, mental health or developmental disabilities needs. Aetna is the Managed Care entity over Ohio RISE and the two local organizations who will manage cases are Buckeye Ranch and the Village Network. Already 5500 Ohio children are enrolled and the expectations is the program will serve 50,000.
- An August Board meeting is not scheduled, however if a meeting is needed, we will poll Board members.
- Ricart Automotive has expressed interest in purchasing our county owned property on Marketing Place in Groveport. This building was formerly ARC Industries South and is now used by Goodwill Columbus. Dot is in touch with Prosecutor's Office to begin the process.

- The Public Health Emergency has been extended for three months.
- Board members will see that Christine Brown has provided notes for her update.

RESOLUTIONS

- Ms. Straughter moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on July 28, 2022, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Straughter moved to revise Board Policy 11.35 Services to Children between birth to three, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage to revise Board Policy 11.7 Behavior Support second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley 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, 2022 through August 31, 2023, at a total cost not to exceed \$96,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreement with Dynamic Pathways for Human Rights Committee management consulting services beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, for a rate of \$94.00 per hour, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to accept proposal from MEORC for facilitation services and Accreditation mastery services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$25,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley moved authorize the Superintendent to enter into facilities use agreement with Fugees Family Inc., for a portion of ARC Industries North, 6633 Doubletree Avenue, at \$6 per square foot for an initial one-year term, beginning August 1, 2022, with the option to renew for an additional one-year term, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to approve the resolution honoring Dr. Angela Ray, thanking her for exemplary services of 27 years, wishing her a long and enriched retirement with family, friends, and her special role as grandma, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS -

Superintendent Morison did not bring the Resolution related to Best Buddies to the Board for consideration.

Superintendent Morison did not bring the Resolution related to Megan Middleton to the Board for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS – Board member Marci Straughter provided an update on the first in-person Tech Ambassador event held in Pickaway County this past weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – In addition to the notes that Christine Brown provided Board members, she provided an update related to Synergy registration, Tech Summit registration, a new database project is being set up related to medical providers, and DODD needing to add a video on Due Process.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 28, 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary

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