



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

January 26, 2023

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

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Gwynn Kinsel, Lee Childs, Dot Yeager, Amy Magginis,

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bickley moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 8, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received updates year to date through December 2022. Real Estate taxes came in at projection. Medicaid match reconciliation was higher than expected due to EFMAP (Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). Revenues are at 105.8% and expenditures are at 89.5% of budget. Quarterly report of expenditures by program category and trends were consistent with expectations.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Mr. Bickley reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end of 2022 and everything seems to be in order. As typical at the end of the calendar year, there are some retirements. Several staff have been hired to fill vacancies. Staff raises, based on market adjustments that were approved by the Board in December, will appear on staff paychecks on January 27, 2023. Both the OEA and OAPSE agreements are effective following the Commissioners review. 2023/2024 draft program year calendars will be recommended for your approval.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thanks to Board members for committing this time for our annual Board In-Service/ retreat. You will recall that all Board members are required to have 4 hours of approved in-service time, which you met today.
- We are off to a good start of the year. Both our early childhood and school programs are fully operational and we have noticed a decrease in the number of COVID cases.
- Our Self-Advocate Advisory Council and the Ohio Self Determination Association will again coordinate a Legislative Advocacy Day on March 31, 2023 at the Bixby Living Skills Center. We began this over 10 years ago, but have had to suspend this these past two years due to COVID. Christine Brown has done a nice job representing the Council and helping to coordinate details.
- We have several new legislators who were elected in November. Senators Reynolds and DeMora and Representatives Abdullahi, Dobos, Ismail, Somani have all been invited to visit to learn more about our agency.
- The retention payments for Providers are being issued this week. Over 90% of the Providers 'opted in' to this incentive, which will allow for retention bonuses for caregivers. We have received some feedback from Providers, relating how appreciative they are of our Board's approval of this funding, which is matched by federal funds.
- The County Commissioners officially approved our budget in December, which allows for implementation of the Board's approval of 3.5% market adjustment that will be reflected on the January 27, 2023 paycheck. Staff are also eligible for a salary increase annually, based on their performance and merit awards are granted for exceptional performance twice a year.
- The Governor is expected to present his budget soon for the next two year period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025. A priority of County Boards and other organizations is to see continual increases in Provider rates. We expect to hear significant discussion in the next several months on the workforce crisis and the need to improve wages for caregivers/DSPs.
- Included in your packet are the draft calendars for the 2023/2024 program year. These drafts have been shared with Early Childhood and School staff. We will recommend your approval.
- You will be asked to approve our Annual Action Plan. This is the plan that we drafted in November. A public hearing was held on December 5, 2022.
- The Special Olympics Polar Plunge will be held on February 11, 2022 at the Crew Stadium (Lower.com Field). Our Special Olympics team generally raises the most funds through this event.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members on January 26, 2023, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve 2023/2024 Program Year Calendars, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent Resolution to approve the Superintendent's Professional Development Plan, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve the 2023 Annual Action Plan, second Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Mr. Bickley 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, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract with Hattie Larlham for the Center for Children with Disabilities for the Transition to Work Summer Program at a cost not to exceed \$72,000.00 for the period beginning February 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to auction vehicles that have become obsolete or unfit for public use as prescribed by ORC 1207.12(E) using Govdeals.com through Franklin County Public Facilities Management or through private auction, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize Superintendent to go to bid for 2023 West Central classroom improvements, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to go to bid for repair of unleaded gas pump at Johnstown Road, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – Mr. Khalil Chatman shared information regarding his concerns while working with a provider agency. Superintendent/CEO Morison gave Mr. Chatman both his own email and the email for MUI Coordinator Chuck Davis for follow-up on the concerns.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Bickley motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by Ms. Magginis:

Voting 'Yes' - John Bickley, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter,
Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

No members voted 'No.'

The Board entered Executive Session.

Following the Executive Session, the January 26, 2023 regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary

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