



**Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**April 27, 2023**

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

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, Jack Brownley, Gwynn Kinsel, Amy Magginis, David Ott, Dot Yeager

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Wilkins moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on March 23, 2023, 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 the March 2023 finance report and year to date summary by program category. Expenditures are at 22.8% and revenue is at 44%. We have received the first half of real estate taxes.

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

Human Resources & Ethics Report: David Ott, Director of Human Resources reported that the Human Resources Committee has received the recent personnel actions through the end March 2023. David provided an update on the staff wellness incentive; Operation Feed and the Mid Ohio Food Collective; and the Provider Fair. Larry Macintosh, Lee Childs and their staff put on the Provider Fair today.

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

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Welcome to Sean Patterson, DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Coordinator and Angie Franke our Paralegal. Legal Counsel Gwynn Kinsel, Sean and Angie all worked on existing several board policies to bring up to date with current standards. We will ask for approval today.
- We are excited about our Provider Fair, which is today at the Lausche Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. It will go until 4:00 p.m. Larry Macintosh and Lee Childs and their staff have done a great job. Tech Ambassador's will have a remote support vehicle at the Provider Fair. COTA will have an accessible vehicle as well.
- Dr. Angela Chapman, Interim Superintendent of Columbus Schools and some of her staff will visit our agency and tour our Early Childhood Education and Family Center on May 2.
- We had a very special visit on April 20 from the Assistant Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Swati Adarkar visited, toured and participated in a round table discussion.
- Our May 18 Board meeting will be at West Central School, 1481 West Town Street in the Franklinton area at Noon. Following our meeting, we will have a tour of the building.
- The Morgan Stanley Golf event to raise funds for our Special Olympics program will be held on Monday, May 22 at the North Star Golf Course.
- West Central prom will be tomorrow; April 28 and their graduation will be on May 17 at 6:00 p.m. This year's graduation will be in-person and all graduates who had virtual graduation the past 3 years will be able to join the event. Marci Straughter has been asked to speak at the event.
- Our Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC) will have an art show on the evening of May 5 and a "Touch the Truck" event will be on May 6 at Johnstown Road.
- Our Superintendent's Association and County Boards Association continue to advocate for additional state funding for Direct Service Professionals. The House passed version of the budget will take the average up to \$17.00 per hour in year one and to \$18.00 per hour in year two. We have been asked to consider increasing our contribution by about \$1 million/year as stated in my memo to Board members from April 12. We believe we can afford this and will ask for your approval today.

Board Member John Bickley asked if measures are in place to be sure that DSPs receive the rate increase. Superintendent Morison indicated that Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has a rule in place for compliance related to the increase so that the actual DSP would receive the increase from the Provider agency. If passed, the increase is slated to take effect in January, 2024.

- Jed Morison has been asked to serve on the Overdose Fatality Review Board with the Franklin County Health Department.
- Board member Samuel Davis will be visiting Hilliard Schools next month to recognize staff for their excellent work with his children.
- Congratulations to Christine Brown on her hard work related to Medicaid Buy-In. There is an amendment in the budget that would remove the age restriction on Medicaid.

- We recently learned of a recent data breach by a vendor that multiple counties use, including Franklin County. It does not appear that individuals served by us are included in the breach.
- At a recent Superintendent meeting, discussion of parents of minor children receiving payment as a caregiver during the pandemic was a topic. This is a change that the state is looking at possibly continuing post-pandemic. Concern was expressed regarding the potential cost and who pays.

## RESOLUTIONS

- Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as received by the Finance Committee on April 27, 2023, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley moved authorize out of state travel for mechanics: Brandon Grandominico, DeShaun Washington and Seth Schneider for factory training for propane fuel systems at Roush CleanTech in Livonia, Michigan, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to partner with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) to support adult literacy, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to support increased contribution to Medicaid retention bonus program or to increase wages of Direct Support Professionals (DSP), second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc. for early intervention services from the period from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$982,000, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to award the bid for West Central classroom improvements to T-Built for a base bid in the amount of \$127,248 and alternate 2 for improvements to the bathroom for Room 133, in the amount of \$3,700 and a contingency in the amount of \$13,100, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Bickley moved to authorize the Superintendent to go to bid to replace West Central playground surface, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wilkins moved to approve revision to the following policies: 1.4 Equal Employment Opportunity; 1.11 Anti-Harassment; 11.14 Eligibility; and 11.15 Non-Discrimination and Civil Rights, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS – none**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board member Straughter shared that the Tech Ambassador's will present at the State House on June 15. Board Members are invited to attend.

Superintendent/CEO Morison shared with those attending that prior to the Board meeting, all board members receive a packet of information and discussion of resolutions via phone calls and email. This allows for a very efficient meeting.

The Ohio Association of County Boards is having their conference on May 11th and 12th. Board members can contact Superintendent Morison or Amy Magginis if they wish to attend.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Christine Brown thanked Mr. Morison for mentioning Medicaid Buy-In. She indicated that once this passes, agencies that provide services to individuals affected will need to be educated about the changes. Christine provided an update related to the Waiver Re-Design work group. She attended the ARC Industries open house at Marlane Drive – Senator Reynolds provided a proclamation. OPRA was represented and DODD Director Kim Hauck attended.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The April 27, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Mr. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins  
Secretary

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