



# Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison  
Superintendent/CEO

## REGULAR MEETING

### Minutes

July 27, 2023

Board Members Present: Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis, Beth Savage, Marci Straughter,

Board Members Excused: John Bickley, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Management Staff Present: Jed Morison, 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 Vice-President Marie Crawford.

### MINUTES

Ms. Straughter moved to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on June 22, 2023, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

### REPORTS

**Budget & Finance Report:** Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer, provided the Budget and Finance report. The Finance Committee has received the June 2023 finance report and the year to date report by program by category with revisions to the health insurance application has been given to Board members. Expenditures are at 45.2% and revenue is at 57%. The 2022 Cost Report has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. We are currently auditing the 2021 Cost Report and work on the 2024 Budget is underway. We are reviewing our checks and balances system. Superintendent Morison noted that due to the diligence of Dot Yeager, Jennifer Schueneman and our fiscal department that our quarterly report is very close to projected amounts.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the Finance report, second by Ms. Straughter. 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 of June 2023. Hiring is light for the month of June, you will see more activity in July and August as hiring for the school year ramps up. New Staff Orientation had a new group of Service Coordinators come through this month. On June 26, 2023 we celebrated the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The two year state budget was signed by Governor DeWine on July 4, 2023. This budget covers the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
- One of the provisions in the budget is to allow for Board members to attend some Board meetings virtually and to be counted present. This will not take effect until October; at which time the Board will need to adopt a policy. Beginning with the November Board meeting, this will be effective.
- Thanks to Christine Brown, our Central Ohio Self Determination group will again start meeting in-person. The group will meet on August 18. This will be the first in-person meeting of the group since March, 2020.
- Since we last met in June, the Ohio Special Olympics was held. We had 163 Special Olympians and over 50 volunteer coaches. Our athletes, staff and coaches all did a great job.
- The budget bill also includes an increase of provider rates that will increase the average wage of Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) to \$18/hour, effective in January, 2024 and \$19/hour, effective in July, 2024. County Boards across the state agreed to contribute funds to fund part of this. In our case, some of the funding we will provide is possible due to the savings we received because of EFMAP (Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage).
- The budget bill also placed into law a requirement that County Commissioners appoint one person with developmental disabilities on the Board to an unfilled Board opening. If the Probate Judge appoints a person served, the Commissioners will not be required to make this appointment. Our Commissioners were way "ahead of the game" on this with the appointment of Marci Straughter in January, 2022.
- One of the other provisions in the budget that generated controversy, was whether parents should be able to be paid caregivers of their minor children. In the end, the bill will allow for this for children who have extraordinary needs. The state will need to develop a rule on this.
- The budget also will eliminate the age restriction for Medicaid Buy-In, special thanks to Christine Brown for her diligent work.
- Our accreditation visit is scheduled for late September. We have our sample of individuals (65) that the state will be reviewing. Larry Macintosh, Lee Childs, Becky Love and their staff are working hard to prepare for this.
- We have hired the replacement for Becky Love, Director of Early Childhood Education, who will retire at the end of the year. Kathy Lawton has been hired as the new Director and will begin next month to begin the transition process. Becky has been Director of ECE for over 30 years and has done a wonderful job. She has lots of knowledge to share.
- We will change the October meeting date to October 19, 2023 at Noon. Our Salute and reunion is planned for Wednesday evening, October 25 at Villa Milano.
- The search firm and committee developed the position profile for the Superintendent/CEO position. This will be on our website under the employment opportunities tab.

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Ms. Savage moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as received by the Finance Committee on July 27, 2023, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mr. Davis 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, 2023 through August 31, 2024, and summer program costs not to exceed \$105,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Dynamic Pathways for Human Rights Committee management consulting services beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$162,720, second by Ms. Savage. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment for early intervention services beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 for total amount not to exceed \$140,000, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with Franklin County Family and Children First Council in support of the Celebrate One initiative beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Savage moved to authorize the Superintendent to accept the proposal for insurance consulting services from Grady Benefits for an initial 12-month term, beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2024, with an option to renew for up to two additional terms, the first renewal ending July 31, 2025 and the second renewal ending March 31, 2026, at fees of \$54,000, \$54,000 and \$37,200, respectively, second by Mr. Davis. Motion Carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Savage moved to determine that the real estate at 4395 Marketing Place, Groveport, Ohio is no longer needed for public use and to authorize Superintendent to facilitate the transfer or sale of such in coordination with the Franklin County Commissioners, second by Ms. Straughter. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Savage moved to determine that the real estate at 909 Taylor Station Road, Gahanna, Ohio is no longer needed for public use and to authorize Superintendent to facilitate the transfer or sale of such in coordination with the Franklin County Commissioners, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – Board member Marci Straughter shared that she will go to the national conference in Baltimore, MD related to the Home and Community Based Services Waiver. In September Marci will go to Washington, D.C. with the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for the 'Fly In' to Capitol Hill. In December, 2023 Project STIR will have a state training, hoping for a good turnout (high school students are welcome).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – none**

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** – Christine Brown provided an update to Board members via email and provided highlights to the Board during the meeting. Her highlights included: Medicaid Buy-In Awareness Day in October; the Waiver Work Group Re-design; revisions of the Shared Living rule; DSP Workforce Crisis poster in August; the department of Medicaid, DODD and CMS will visit the smart apartment to learn more about remote supports/ technology; Kyle Pigman and Christine Brown are going to do a podcast on public policy; the Central Ohio Self Determination Association (COSDA) will begin meeting again following a break due to the pandemic. The next meeting will be August 18 at Johnstown Road starting at 10:30 a.m. in conference rooms b/c/d. COSDA will plan to meet every other month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The July 27, 2023 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned by Ms. Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins  
Secretary

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