



Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Regular Board Meeting

December 10, 2020

Call to Order

Board President, Louis Borowicz called the regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities to order at 6:31 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Roll Call

Members present: Louis Borowicz, Hoard Heffelfinger, David Moser, Tracie Davies Toot, Dana Lehman, Stephen Finney, and Ted Klecker

Farewell to Tracie Davies Toot

Superintendent, Kristine Hodge read the Tribute from the Delaware County Commissioners, recognizing the resignation of Tracie Davies Toot. The Board thanked her for her service.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION 20-12-01

David Moser moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 Board Meeting. Steve Finney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

RESOLUTION 20-12-02

Jared Zirillo, Director of Operations/Business Manager, reviewed the November 2020 financial reports. Dana Lehman moved to approve the list of November expenditures and the financial reports as submitted. Ted Klecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Committee Updates

Personnel and Programs Committee

Committee Chairperson, Howard Heffelfinger reported that the committee met on Monday, November 30, 2020 and recommends that the Board approve the revised policies including the Service and Support Administration Funding Policy, Service and Support Administration Policy, Early Intervention Funding Policy, Early Intervention Policy and Eligibility Policy. The Committee also recommends that the Board approve the 2021 Board meeting calendar and the Provider Pandemic Relief Grant. The Committee approved the continuation of the Bee Well Program for 2021 and offer to double the current incentives if eighty (80) percent of employees participate.



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Ethics Council Report

The Ethics Council met at 6:15 p.m. to review sixty-eight (68) direct service contracts for potential conflicts. The Council found that no conflicts currently exist with the entities submitted for review: A Brighter Living, LLC; A Way With Words, LLC; Ability Matters; Advanced DD Care, LLC; AE Speech and Language Services, LLC; All R Friends; Always There @ A Touch, LLC; Aspen Home Healthcare, LLC; Aspire Speech Therapy; Best Payments, LLC; Beyond Healthcare and Education, LLC; Blue Horizon Consulting; Bridges to Independence, Inc.; Casa Speech, LLC; Central Ohio Behavioral Consulting, LLC; Central Ohio Therapy Services, LLC; Children's Center for Developmental Enrichment; Circle of Hands Foundation; Columbus Area Speech Therapy, Inc.; Columbus Therapy Associates; Communication Counts; Covenant Contract Service, Inc.; Cray, Nicole M. dba NCray, LLC; Creative Foundations; Customized Behavioral Healthcare, LLC; Cynthia P. Mowrey, MA, CCC-SLP, LLC; Delaware Speech and Hearing Center, Inc.; Essentials First Therapy, LLC; Flourish Integrated Therapy; Generational Solutions, LLC; Grady Memorial Hospital; Grow Speech Therapy; Healthy Connections Home Care and Day Habilitation, LLC; Hunt, Valerie dba All Around Town; Journeys, LLC; Kari S. Watts, PhD, BCBA-D, LLC; King Enterprise, LLC dba Equine Alley TR; Knox New Hope Industries, Inc.; Life Builders, LLC; Lisa Lyall, MA, CCC; Megan Hurley, LLC; MERC Supported Living, LLC; MPQH Healthcare Professionals, LLC; New Direction Health and Support Services; New Beginning Healthcare Services, LLC; Nicholes Provider Care, LLC; Pathways to Independence of Central Ohio; Professional Speech Services, Inc.; Recreation Unlimited; Rehab2You; Reliable Independent Dependable Efficient, LLC; Roma G, LLC; Sarpos, LLC; Shively Psychological, LLC; Something to Say, LLC; Speech for Life, LLC; Stephanie Wheeler, MA, CCC-SLP, LLC; Talking with Tracy, LLC; Tender Home Care Providers, LLC; Three C Healthcare; Thrive Therapy Associates, LLC; Tina M. McNeal; Viaquest Day Services; Viaquest Residential Services; Victoria Z. Cremer, MA, CCC-SLP, LLC; Wellwood Enterprises Limited; Wiltsie Speech Therapy Services, LLC; Way With Words Speech Therapy, LLC

RESOLUTION 20-12-03

Howard Heffelfinger moved to approve the Ethics Council Report as presented. David Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business - Board Action Items

A. Present and Approve Slate of Board Officers

RESOLUTION 20-12-04

Steve Finney moved to approve the slate of Board Officers as presented by the Nominating Committee, which will be voted on at the January meeting: Louis Borowicz, President; Howard Heffelfinger, Vice President; David Moser, Secretary. Dana Lehman seconded the motion. The motion carried.



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B. 2021 Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION 20-12-05

David Moser moved to approve the Board meeting schedule for 2021. Howard Heffelfinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Ohio Association of County Boards Membership Dues

RESOLUTION 20-12-06

Ted Klecker moved to approve the payment of the OACB invoice for the 2021 annual dues. Tracie Davies Toot seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Service and Support Administration Funding Policy

RESOLUTION 20-12-07

David Moser moved to approve the revised Service and Support Administration Funding Policy as recommended by the Personnel and Programs Committee. Steve Finney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Service and Support Administration Policy

RESOLUTION 20-12-08

David Moser moved to approve the revised Service and Support Administration Policy as recommended by the Personnel and Programs Committee. Howard Heffelfinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Early Intervention Funding Policy

RESOLUTION 20-12-09

Steve Finney moved to approve the revised Early Intervention Funding Policy as recommended by the Personnel and Programs Committee with a correction in wording changing “triage” to “level”. David Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

G. Early Intervention Policy

RESOLUTION 20-12-10

David Moser moved to approve the revised Early Intervention Policy as recommended by the Personnel and Programs Committee with the correction in wording removing the duplicated phrase “as in effect on the effective date of this rule”. Ted Klecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H. Eligibility Policy

RESOLUTION 20-12-11

Dana Lehman moved to approve the revised Eligibility Policy as recommended by the Personnel and Programs Committee. Ted Klecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. Provider Pandemic Relief Grant

RESOLUTION 20-12-12



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Howard Heffelfinger moved to pass a resolution authorizing a Provider Pandemic Relief Grant in response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency pursuant to R.C. § 5126.05:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing State of Emergency, the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (“DCBDD”) took active health measures to help ensure the safety of employees, officials, and individuals served; and,

WHEREAS, beyond the active health measures, DCBDD recognizes that there has been an ongoing economic toll on providers that assist individuals served by DCBDD; and,

WHEREAS, DCBDD further recognizes and supports agency and independent providers of waiver services (Medicaid waiver funded and locally funded) in Delaware County during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, therefore DCBDD desires to offer a locally funded grant hereby called the Provider Pandemic Relief Grant (the, “Grant”) to assist providers with the extraordinary expenses associated with provision of services during the ongoing State of Emergency.

Resolution now, therefore, be it resolved by the board as follows:

1. DCBDD hereby adopts the Grant Proposal prepared by Superintendent Hodge, which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.
2. DCBDD hereby authorizes Superintendent Hodge to take appropriate measures to implement the Grant and to begin providing Grant funds to eligible providers in accordance with the Grant Proposal terms and application process.
3. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

David Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

J. Second Addendum to 40 Degrees Media Contract

RESOLUTION 20-12-13

David Moser moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign and execute the second addendum to the 40 Degrees Media contract. Steve Finney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session



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RESOLUTION 20-12-14

Steve Finney moved that the Committee enter into executive session for the purpose of ORC 121.22 (G) (1): to consider the continued employment of a public employee or official and to consider the compensation of a public employee or official. Ted Klecker seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Louis Borowicz, yes; Howard Heffelfinger, yes; David Moser, yes; Tracie Davies Toot, yes; Dana Lehman, yes; Steve Finney, yes; Ted Klecker, yes. The motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:18 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Superintendent Report

Kristine Hodge reported on the following topics: COVID vaccinations, LEAD Advisory Council, ADS closures due to COVID, PPE requests, Hunger Games, Bee Well Program for 2020, Provider Outreach, Discovery Series, Zoom with Santa, and the Mask Up social media video

Department Reports

Enrollment and Personnel

Kristine Hodge reviewed November 2020 Enrollment and Personnel reports.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 20-12-15

Steve Finney moved to adjourn the meeting. David Moser seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Kenney". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Executive Assistant