

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2016

I. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President, Ms. Thomas Fain, at 5:01 p.m. Board Members present included: Ms. Thomas Fain, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Orlandi, Ms. Holmes, and Ms. Morrison. Ms. Barnes Brown arrived at 5:03pm.

Staff present: Ms. Davis-Kramp, Ms. Lees, Ms. Hetkey, Ms. Wilbraham, Ms. Finnerty, Mr. Bluebond, Ms. Davis, Ms. Bohner, Mr. Dryer, Ms. Hendrickson, Ms. Reed, Ms. Majoros, Dr. Stanley- Bryson, Ms. Calvey, Ms. Blessing, Connie Hartman, and Ms. Phelps.

Others present included the following: parents, Eleanor Johnson, Annmarie Rinniger, Wayne Carroll, and Fran Koenig, Charles Arndt, consultant, Nancy Likens, Executive Director of Medina Senior Center (Soprema Café), and Carrie K.

II. Executive Session

Motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to enter into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. for the following reasons:

- C. Conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

General Session began at 5:49 p.m.

General Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Motion was made by Ms. Barnes Brown, seconded by Ms. Orlandi, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 27, 2016.

Ms. Holmes and Ms. Thomas Fain abstained. All others voted “aye”. Motion passed.

D. Presentation

Assistive Technology – Connie Hartman, Kalynn Rinniger, and Katie Blessing

Ms. Hartman shared the success of the Assistive Technology Program with the Board. Ms. Rinniger demonstrated the assistive device she uses to communicate. Ms. Blessing shared how using assistive technology has improved communication with her best friend (Kalynn). Ms. Johnson, Ms. Likens, and Ms. Hartman shared information regarding the success of the Tech Connect Program at the Wadsworth Senior Center. They meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The Board was very happy with the results of the program.

Transformation Update – Charles Arndt, Consultant

Mr. Arndt shared with the Board that he was met with most of the Management Team and is currently meeting with parents and providers. Two concerns that Mr. Arndt has for the future are the Medicaid rates and the opportunities for community employment through private providers. Mr. Arndt feels that there is a possibility that the policies could change in the future based on new leadership such as the President, Governor, and Director(s). Mr. Arndt will work diligently to ensure that the individuals served by the MCBDD are provided with quality services and options for community employment as the role of the Board changes.

E. Old Business

1. There was no Old Business this month.

F. New Business

1. Creation of Position Resolution #14-16 (ACTION)

Motion was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to create the following position: **Assistant Director of Service and Support Administration**. The demands of the SSA department including increased rules and regulations, oversight responsibility, employment first initiatives, and the need for additional SSAs are anticipated to continue to grow into the future. In order to ensure continued compliance and provide the best possible services to the individuals served and their families, it is critical that adequate staffing is in place. Approximately 50% of the funding for the position will be reimbursed through Medicaid Administrative Claiming reimbursement.

Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

2. Community Connections Partnership Resolution #15-16 (ACTION)

Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Ms. Morrison, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a partnership with the Ohio Private Resource Association (OPRA), the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) and Medina City Schools (School District) for the following services: **In-class training, Internships**. The partnership will be effective from August 1, 2016, through July 1, 2017. The Superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is authorized to expend up to \$14,000.00 for the cost of the services. The partnership will provide training and internships for high school students to increase the opportunities for employment working with individuals with developmental disabilities. An overview of the partnership has been provided

There was discussion regarding using the word "partnership" rather than "collaboration". The Board President called for a vote to change the wording, or leave it as written. The results are as follows: Mr. Perkins, Ms. Barnes Brown and Mr. Daugherty voted to change the wording. Ms. Orlandi, Ms. Holmes and Ms. Morrison voted to leave the wording as is. The tie vote was broken by the President voting to leave the wording as is.

Mr. Daugherty and Ms. Barnes Brown voted "no". All others voted "aye". Motion passed to approve the resolution as written.

A. Discussion Items

Ombudsman Vacancy – Sharon Jenks has resigned due to family issues. She has agreed to stay in the position until a replacement is found. Ms. Davis-Kramp will email the job description to the Board so that they can distribute at their places of business.

OOD Contract Transitioning to Bridges – Mr. Dryer distributed and reviewed a comparison sheet for the Board. Bridges is for transition ages 14-25 who are DD eligible. Those who are currently on the OOD Contract and do not qualify for the Bridges contract will still receive services but will have a state counselor. The MCBDD will still be a vendor for services.

Autism Summit Sponsorship – Ms. Davis-Kramp reviewed the sponsorship options with the Board. The Board chose the \$2500.00 sponsorship which allows five staff to attend the event.

B. Reports Review

- Superintendent's Report
 - Ms. Davis-Kramp reviewed the Superintendent's Report with an emphasis on the information regarding the shared funding for ICAT. County leaders are now working together to re-invent the FFC back to its original functions.
 - SHC is working on the financial report for the MedinaMade store. It should be available for the September Board Meeting.
 - The OACB is developing their own data platform rather than having to rely on the state data.
 - Ohio is the 2nd state to get their Transition Plan through CMS.
 - The 2013-2014 Audit is done and there were no concerns.
 - Mr. Bluebond reviewed a plan to work with the state, MCH and MMHA to build two new homes for people with disabilities. The plan would allow for subsidized housing. Mr. Bluebond is working with Ms. Wilbraham to find eligible tenants. More information will be coming. Ms. Orlandi made a motion, Mr. Perkins seconded, to move forward with the housing plan. All voted “aye”. Motion passed.
- Financial Report - Mr. Bluebond reviewed the Financial Report. The agency is where we are expected to be at this time of year. There may be adjustments made in October due to benefits. There has been an increase of 89 enrollees since January of 2015, mostly due to EI enrollments.
- Voucher Report(s) – Mr. Bluebond reviewed. Questions from the Board were addressed.
- MCBDD Enrollee Statistics Report - There were no questions on the Enrollee Statistics Report.

- Provider Report – Mr. Bluebond reviewed.
- MUI Report — There were no questions from the Board
- Personnel Report – There were no questions from the Board.
- Quarterly Reports – There were no questions on the quarterly reports that included the following: Contract Monitoring, Operating Plan, Community Employment, Ombudsman. The Operating Plan Report was not in color. Ms. Lees will send the color copy via email to the Board Members.

I. Public Relations

Ms. Hetkey updated the Board regarding PR activities that included the following:

- The TTX Golf Outing scheduled for September 16th. Proceeds will benefit the MCBDD Assistive Technology Program. Registration is online and they are still looking for teams.
- The MCBDD will have a booth at the Medina County Fair the week of August 1 through August 7th. The booth will feature MedinaMade products and will focus on education and employment. There were ads in the Post and Gazette to drive people to the booth.
- Upcoming events included the following: the Wadsworth Back to School Rally on August 12th, the Blood Drive on August 29th, and the Volunteer Fair on August 27th.

J. Open Forum (Board Policy 2.4.4)

Fran Koenig, parent, asked the Board if the Career Center in Medina was contacted to participate in the Community Connections Partnership venture. Ms. Davis-Kramp stated that they were contacted and opted out.

Mr. Carroll, parent, asked the Board if housing agencies other than Medina Creative Housing and Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority were contacted when making plans to build homes for people with disabilities. **Mr. Bluebond stated that**

Mr. Carroll asked how and where an individual would receive services if they needed to split their day between work and day treatment with a varying schedule. Ms. Davis-Kramp stated that the needs of that individual would need to be listed in the ISP and a provider would be chosen who was able to meet those needs.

Mr. Carroll asked if the Board, after seeing the assistive technology presentation, was looking into electronic board packets rather than paper. Ms. Davis-Kramp stated that Ms. Lees is looking into it.

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

FOR APPROVAL

Sandra Thomas Fain
Board President Medina
County Board of DD

Elaine Orlandi
Secretary
Medina County Board of DD