

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2016

I. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Thomas Fain, at 5:00 p.m. Board Members present included: Ms. Thomas Fain, Ms. Barnes Brown, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Orlandi, and Ms. Morrison.

Others present included: Sharon Jenks, Ombudsman, Daniella Parks, Donor Scholarship recipient, and her mother, Kelly Parks. Arriving at 6:40 p.m. were parents, Karen Tanski, Fran Koenig, and Wayne and Char Carroll, with their daughter Kristen.

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

II. Executive Session

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

- B. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

General Session began at 5:50 p.m.

General Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Motion was made by Ms. Orlandi, seconded by Ms. Ms. Barnes Brown, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2016.

Motion passed with a unanimous “aye” vote.

2. Motion was made by Ms. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to approve the minutes from the Board Retreat on May 2, 2016.

Mr. Daughtery abstained. All others voted “aye . Motion passed.

Presentation

Board Vice President, Sharon Holmes, presented the Donor Scholarship to Ms. Daniella Parks. Daniella is a senior and Medina High School and the Medina County Career Center where she is in the Sports Medicine and Exercise Science Program. Daniella has already given time to impacting the disabilities community in Medina County while volunteering at the MCBDD and Dazzle Dancers (a dance class for children with disabilities). She serves as the treasurer of her Sports Medicine class, is the co-captain of the Medina High School Dance Team, is an honor roll student, and has been inducted into both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. Daniella plans to attend Slippery Rock University where she hopes to complete a double major in physical therapy and dance. She hopes to focus on pediatrics as her expertise.

The Continuing Education Scholarship recipient, Taylor Riniger, was not able to attend the ceremony. Taylor recently completed her first year at Xavier University where she is working towards a degree in occupational therapy and a minor in deaf studies. She is part of the direct admittance bachelor’s to master’s program which will allow her to obtain both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in 5.5 years. She hope to one day work in a children’s hospital and is very interested in aquatic therapy techniques being used at Akron Children’s Hospital. Taylor is part of the University’s Alternative Breaks program which allows students to complete volunteer work during their spring break. Taylor spent her break on a service trip to Mobile, Alabama, where she worked in a community for adults with cognitive disabilities. Outside of school, Taylor volunteers with Autism Speaks and Community Action Day to raise awareness and funds for these programs.

On behalf of the Medina County Board of DD, congratulations are extended to both recipients.

E. Old Business

- 1. There was no Old Business this month.

F. New Business

1. Appropriation Transfer to Donated Fund Resolution #09-16 (ACTION)

Motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Orlandi, to authorize the Medina County Auditor to make the following appropriation increase:

| INCREASE | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 3315-7700-0100, Supplies | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 3315-7700-0780, Equipment | \$23,000.00 |

The 2016 Budget Appropriation for 3315-7700-0100 will increase from \$4,451.00 to \$6,451.00 and 3315-7700-0780 will increase from \$6,150.00 to \$29,150.00. The increase is for equipment and supplies to provide assistive technology for individuals serviced by the Board. The source of the funds is \$20,000.00 from a donation made by the Dorothy Hirschman Trust and \$5,000.00 from a donation made by TTX Teletronics from the 2015 Golf Outing. The appropriation request was reviewed and approved by the Board’s Donated Funds Committee.

Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**2. Language Learning Associates Contract Amendment Resolution #10-16
(ACTION)**

Motion was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Orlandi, to authorize the Superintendent to amend the contract with Language Learning Associates (LLA) to add the following services: **Occupational Therapy Services - 990 hours at \$58.00 per hour up to \$57,420.00.**

The contract will remain effective from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$297,940.00. The Occupational Therapy hours are to replace services that could not be provided by another vendor. LLA currently contracts with the MCBDD to provide Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant services. This amendment increases the contract with LLA from \$240,520.00 to \$297,940.00.

Ms. Morrison asked why services could not be provided by another vendor. Mr. Bluebond stated that they were simply unable to find another vendor.

Mr. Perkins asked if this contract amendment changes the budget in any way. Mr. Bluebond stated that it does not change the budget, only a change in vendor.

Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**3. Medina County Achievement Center Employees Assoc./OEA/NEA
Resolution #11-16 (ACTION)**

Motion was made by Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Barnes Brown, to approve a one year extension to the collective bargaining agreement between the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities and The Medina County Achievement Center Employees Association/OEA/NEA. The contract expiration date will be December 31, 2017, instead of December 31; 2016. This extension is being requested as a result of increasing medical insurance rates, as well as changes pending at the Federal and State level to the County Board system.

Motion passed with a unanimous "aye" vote.

**4. 2016 Public Policy Impacts for People with Disabilities Resolution #12-16
(ACTION)**

Motion was made by Ms. Barnes Brown, seconded by Ms. Morrison, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Public Policy Impacts for People with Disabilities (PPIPD) for transformation planning and recommendations for organizational development. The contract will be effective from May 23, 2016, through December 31, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. PPIPD will assist the Superintendent and Board by providing an analysis of state and national trends and making recommendations for organizational changes to assist with transformation of the policies, services and supports of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Perkins asked if the Superintendent has the ability to make a decision regarding this contract without the Board. Ms. Davis-Kramp stated that because it is a new contract, it must be brought to the Board.

Mr. Perkins voted No. All other voted "aye". Motion passed.

G. Discussion Items

1. Ombudsman Survey

Per Board member request, Sharon Jenks, Ombudsman, submitted a survey sample to be included in the Board packet. The Board agreed that the survey was sufficient. Also submitted for review by the Board was a resolution report. Ms. Jenks stated that she would be happy to provide any other information that the Board would like to see.

2. Agreement with Medina City Schools – Community Connections Career Partnership

This program is an option for providers to obtain quality, certified Direct Service Providers (DSP). High school students, in their junior and senior year, would participate in this program. The curriculum and the trainer are provided by OPRA (Ohio Provider Resource Association), and the students would then graduate with a DSP certification. Both the home school district and the MCBDD would contribute funds for this program. In addition, providers would have the opportunity to offer internships for the students. The goal is to encourage students to work in the disabilities field and assist in supplying quality staff for the provider agencies.

Superintendent Davis-Kramp feels that the Board should support this program and would like to bring a contract to the Board for approval next month.

H. Reports Review

- Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent stated that there has been no new legislation passed since the last Board meeting. She shared the following information with the Board:
 - Several staff from the MCBDD and Ms. Orlandi, Board Member, attended the OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards Conference) on May 12 and 13.
 - The 31 state funded waivers that have been allotted to Medina County have been difficult to fill. If the waivers are not utilized, the next biennium budget may give a smaller number of waivers.
 - Ohio is doing well with the ABLE Accounts and will be one of the first states to open them.
 - A Board member stated that the Special Olympic Program in Medina County is outstanding.
- Financial Report - Mr. Bluebond reviewed the Financial Report. The following was discussed:
 - Mr. Bluebond stated that the MCBDD should be experiencing a hospitalization increase for the first time.
 - Mr. Bluebond stated that there was a Medicaid settlement payment listed on the revenue report. We have received two this year and expect two more before the end of the year. This is money that we send to Medicaid and is reimbursed back to us.
 - Mr. Bluebond indicated that the cost per individual is going down due to the increase in individuals requesting services in the county. The majority of increase is seen in the Early Intervention (EI) program.

- Voucher Report(s) – Mr. Bluebond made the Board aware of a payment that was made to Medicaid for administrative fees. The fees are 1.5% of what we bill Medicaid.
- MCBDD Enrollee Statistics Report – There were no questions on the Enrollee Stats Report.
- Provider Report – Ms. Davis-Kramp stated that since January 1, 2016, five new day service providers and five new transportation providers are now offering services in Medina County. As of this time there has been no complaints regarding the transportation providers.
- MUI Report – There were no questions on the MUI Report.
- Personnel Report – Mr. Daughtery asked how many staff MCBDD has now compared today compared to five years ago. Ms. Davis stated that the numbers are very close, within a few numbers.

I. Public Relations

- Shred Day – May 21
 - This was the largest turnout for Shred Day to date. There were 260 cars with more than two tons of shred material.
 - A total of \$865.00 was collected in donations for the Donor Scholarship.
 - Many senior citizens and other residents from Brunswick attended.
- TTX Golf Outing- September 16
 - The MCBDD is working closely with TTX to increase participation this year.
 - The event will have 36 teams and fundraising efforts.
- The Vanderhaven Group:
 - The second article of a four-part series was completed. The article addressed the myths about individuals and their success in small business settings.
 - Information will be translated into marketing materials for community employment.
- Graduation
 - Articles on the Windfall School Graduation appeared in a series of ads in the Post. The graduates from Windfall School were also included in the Post Graduate section this year.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Pizza Palooza on June 11
 - Ice Cream Social on June 30
 - Public Forum on June 7.
 - Special Olympics Medina Invitational on June 4. Ms. Davis-Kramp is unable to attend the Special Olympic event on June 4. A Board Member will take her place.

J. Open Forum (Board Policy 2.4.4)

Fran Koenig, Parent, expressed concerns regarding rumors that the MCBDD is closing. She indicated that she had sent in a list of questions but has not received answers yet. She stated that

parents were concerned about children coming out of school and not being able to come to MCAC. Her experience with services by private providers has not been as good as what is provided at MCAC. Providers not offering Med Pass is a concern, as well as transportation changes and the safety issue of no aides on the vans. Superintendent Davis-Kramp will address these and the previous concerns submitted by Ms. Koenig.

Charlotte Carroll, Parent, asked how easy it would be for a small business to employ an individual with medical issues. Are we being honest with the businesses about the needs of the individuals?

The Board thanked the parents for their input.

Board President Sandra Thomas Fain stated that following adjournment, there will be a 10 minute break, then the Board Retreat Continuation Session will begin.

IV. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 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