

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2025

I. Call to Order

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Andy Olah at 5:03 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Dave Hartman, Debbie Bokmuller, Adina Kolar, and Lisa Dreaden. Mark Gryskiewicz and Kelly Smith were excused.

Staff present included the following: Stacey Maleckar, Shannon Lees, Diana Davis, Carey Bates, Patti Hetkey, Bobby Richards, Ed Dryer, Jennie Petrarca, John Krebs, Jason Dresden, Rob Ziemkiewicz, Marie Friss, and Maggie Skultety.

Others present included the following: Wayne Carroll.

A Motion was made by Andy Olah, seconded by Dave Hartman, to accept the Revised Agenda. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

II. General Session

Mr. Olah stated that there is a revised Agenda that was distributed to the Board. He also stated that Ms. Dreaden, Board Secretary, is not in attendance and asked for a volunteer to take Minutes. Mr. Hartman volunteered.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

The Mission Statement was recited.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, February 24, 2025

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2025. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

D. Presentations

1. Community Partnerships for Community Employment – Focus Area 1

Mr. Dryer presented information to the Board regarding the following:

- The three main components of Community Partnership:
 - Medina County Collaborative;
 - Business Advisory Committee; and
 - Opportunities for Ohioans w/Disabilities (OOD).
- Community Employment Key Staff:
 - John Krebs, Community Supports Manager;
 - Jason Dresden, Employment Navigator; and

- Rob Ziemkiewicz, Economic Developer.
- Goals for the Collaborative, Business Advisory Committee, and OOD.
- The Paths to Employment and Referral Process to OOD.
- How we find employers for individuals with disabilities; interest of individual and needs of business are important factors.
- Reporting: we are currently working on a plan for the best way to collect data and report.
- Measuring Success: success is measured through increases in community partnerships, provider relationships, OOD partnership, and the number of individuals employed.

E. Follow Up

1. How many independent providers are providing services for family members?

Ms. Maleckar stated that eight children are approved for extraordinary care; must be parent of a minor child. Ms. Bokmuller clarified that the original question was inquiring if we are seeing an increase in DSPs in the DD field due to programs such as the DSPU at the career center, provider mingles, etc., or are people becoming providers for a family member due to a lack of available providers. She asked how this could be measured. Ms. Maleckar stated outside of reviewing each ISP, this would be difficult to measure. She stated we do not have an accurate way to measure and any number we could find would be a snapshot in time. Ms. Bates stated that it is difficult for us to know who providers are hiring; unless it is a new provider or we are aware due to an incentive that we are offering, we do not have access to the information. We know about those providing extraordinary care because we are involved in the assessment process. We do not see a DSP's name attached to billing when through a provider agency; we only see the total amount of hours billed for the individual. Mr. Dryer stated that the need for DSPs by provider agencies has decreased. As a whole, we are seeing the DSP numbers trend in the right direction.

F. Old-Business

There was no Old-Business.

G. New Business

1. Excess Property Resolution #10-25 (ACTION)

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve Resolution #10-25 to declare the requested items as Excess Property in accordance with ORC 307.12. There was no discussion. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

H. Reports Review

- Superintendent's Report – Ms. Maleckar reviewed the Superintendent's Report. The following was shared:
 - Ms. Maleckar stated that the following are topics of discussion among Superintendents and local/state legislature: property tax costs, possible elimination of replacement levies, budget commission's role, Homestead exemption, Medicaid changes. The OACB Insider and OACB Policy Brief publications are a great source for up to date information on these and other topics that are important to the DD field. Those who have a Member Connect account should be getting these publications.

- Ms. Hetkey gave a brief description of a ROTH tag: a tag that can be attached to anything an individual carries-purse, backpack, etc.-which when opened, gives important information about the individual with a disability. ROTH tags are completely voluntary.
- We have received 11 donor scholarship applications, so far.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed.
 - Revenue
 - CAP Housing (State Grants) - \$299,640.00.
 - DODD ARPA (State Grants) - \$73,438.69.
 - No donations.
 - Expenditures
 - Repairs – salt spreader, auto door opener, heater and heat pumps.
 - Fees – food service license, fire suppression inspection.
 - Advertising – annual renewals (get discounts).
 - Contract Services - \$55,139.20 (prior year expense).
 - Contract Services - \$62,375.00 – annual renewals & other local services.
 - Special Projects – Provider Support Programs: DSP-U internship, employee referral, Success Coach.
 - Match – five individuals in developmental center - \$37,983.00.
 - Prior year carryover - \$69,110.00.
 - Cash Balance
 - \$35.2M – 2024 check voided and re-issued affecting the February cash balance. Should be in line with the county amount for next month.
 - Monthly Cash Flow
 - \$517,393.29 use of Fund Balance.
 - Voucher Report
 - Board questions addressed.

Approval of Financial Reports Resolution #11-25 (ACTION)

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to approve Resolution #11-25 to approve the Financial Reports for February, 2025. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

- Enrollee Stats
 - Ms. Maleckar stated she has nothing significant to report.
- EI Report
 - New report – shows number of EI referrals, as well as other information.
- Personnel Control Report
 - Ms. Maleckar reviewed open positions. No concerns.
- Focus Area 1 Dashboard
 - No questions from the Board.

I. Discussion

Ms. Bokmuller gave a brief recap of her conversation with Stacey following an email she sent to both Ms. Maleckar and the Board with questions. Mr. Olah acknowledged receipt of the email and proposed a Board Work Session in order to provide training for new Board Members regarding the topics in the email and to maintain a well-educated Board. Ms. Lees will schedule the work

session. Ms. Bokmuller requested any working documents that will be included as topics on the agenda be sent ahead of time for review by the Board.

Note: Board Work Sessions are not open to the public. There will be no discussion of Board business and no decisions will be made.

III. Open Forum

Wayne Carroll: Mr. Carroll asked if there are representatives from ICFs included in the annual MUI Stakeholder meeting. Ms. Petrarca stated that there is not because ICFs report their MUIs directly to the state. Mr. Carroll then asked, in regard to our Mission Statement and citizenship, what we are doing to include individuals with disabilities in the political process i.e. voter registration. Ms. Bates responded that SSAs promote voting at the annual ISP meetings and the agency, as a whole, does a lot to promote voting, as well as through the Advocacy programs. Ms. Bokmuller replied that she understands Mr. Carroll's concern and also that some individuals are not interested in the political process. Mr. Olah stated it is important to encourage without influencing one way or the other.

IV. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

V. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

FOR APPROVAL

Board Chair
Medina County Board of DD

Board Secretary
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