MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
October 26, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

I. Call To Order

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Lisa Dreaden at 5:04 p.m. By Roll Call, other Board Members present included the following: Debbie Bokmuller, Andy Olah, Dave Hartman, and Adina Kolar (Virtual). Mark Gryskiewicz and Kelly Smith were excused.

Staff Present included the following: Stacey Maleckar, Carey Bates, Shannon Lees, Diana Davis, Ed Dryer, Patti Hetkey, Tracey Lambdin, Bobby Richards, Jennie Petrarca, and Marie Friss.

Others Present included the following: Wayne Carroll.

II. General Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

The Mission Statement was recited.

C. Acceptance of Agenda

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the Agenda as presented. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, September 28, 2026**

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 28, 2026. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

2. **Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting/2027 Budget Draft Review, October 12, 2026**

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to approve the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting/2027 Budget Draft Review on October 12, 2026. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

E. Presentation

1. Transportation and Key Life Transitions

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Ed Dryer, Director of Community Supports and Development, and Jennie Petrarca, Director of SSA, shared information regarding the following topics:

- **Transportation Options**: Natural Supports; DL/Vehicle; Public Transportation; Ride Sharing; Waiver/Local Services.
- **Waiver Transportation:** NMT (employment, ADS, Voc. Hab. programs, other service locations); Community Integrated Employment (higher rate optional, see NMT rule); HPC; Self Directed (Uber/Lyft, private company, family/community member).
- **What We've Done:** ARPA grant for stipends (2024); local money used to continue NMT stipend (2025); increased promotion and communication with independent providers.
- **Known Barriers:** Limited to no public transportation; limited transportation in rural areas; public transportation does not offer ongoing schedules; Uber/Lyft inconsistent.
- **Next Steps:** Increase utilization of independent providers; educate on Self-Directed transportation; increase collaboration with MCPT.
- **Key Life Transitions:** Gathered feedback; evaluated current resources; developing new tools.

Questions/Comments:

<u>Transportation</u>

- Mr. Hartman asked what hours are considered normal or if it is strictly mileage; he asked if it is regular cost between 8am and 5pm, for any transportation provider. Mr. Dryer stated that there is a standard rate for transportation, regardless of day or time. Transportation is directly from their home to their work site.
- Ms. Bokmuller recommended looking into approaching the senior population for possible drivers i.e. senior center or Medina County Senior and Adult Services (formerly Office for Older Adults).
- Stipend information is available on the provider portal.
- Ms. Kolar stated she would not feel comfortable using Uber or Lyft. Mr. Dryer stated that this type of transportation is not for everyone.
- Ms. Petrarca stated there are support brokers available to assist individuals with self-directed options.
- Mr. Olah asked if drivers must provide vehicle inspection information. Ms. Petrarca stated that certified providers, as part of their certification, must provide this info.

<u>Key Life Transitions</u>

- Ms. Bokmuller referenced a Transition Academy Curriculum she had seen at a conference. She stated that Cuyahoga County has purchased the curriculum and recommended we reach out to them to obtain.
- Ms. Dreaden recommended guidance on selecting an adult day program.
- Mr. Olah recommended information regarding how counseling can be obtained.

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F. Old Business

1. State/Legislative Update

Ms. Maleckar sent the Gongwer articles to the County Commissioners. There will be a public meeting after the first of the year. It will be held at the Commissioners' Office and will include legislators. We will have at least one new Commissioner next year and a new Auditor. Twelve county boards have levies on the ballot next week. Mr. Olah requested the levy results, including how close the vote was, etc. Ms. Bates stated that OACB will release an email the night of the election or the morning after with this information. Mr. Hartman stated he is attending the OACB Conference and reminded the Board to let him know if there are any issues or topics for which they would like him to get more information. Ms. Lees will send the Board information regarding some virtual sessions.

2. Board Packet/Dashboard Update

Ms. Maleckar stated there is a meeting scheduled with DatSmart on Wednesday to begin discussion about the dashboard using PowerBI. Ms. Kolar requested that when the Board Packet link is sent, also send a link to the SharePoint portal.

G. New Business

1. Revised 2027 Agency Calendar Resolution #27-26

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Ms. Kolar, to approve Resolution #27-26 to approve the Revised 2027 Agency Calendar. The revision removed the October In-Service Day for 2027. Ms. Bokmuller asked if staff are still required to complete the training just online and asked why staff aren't still given that day off to use to complete the training if they so choose. Ms. Maleckar stated that yes, staff now complete the training online; however, the trainings come out quarterly to allow staff time to complete. Staff should be completing the trainings on agency time, not their own time. Mr. Hartman requested that the four holidays over winter break be indicated in yellow. A Revised Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Ms. Kolar, to approve the Revised 2027 Agency Calendar with the additional revision requested by Mr. Hartman. The Revised Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

2. Delta Dental Contract Resolution #28-26

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to approve Resolution #28-26 to approve the 2027 Delta Dental Contract. There are no changes to the level of benefits and no rate increases. Ms. Bokmuller stated she appreciated the information regarding the rates. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

3. 2027 Budget Allocation Resolution #29-26

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve Resolution #29-26 to approve the 2027 Budget including total revenue of $26,840,453.00, total expenditures of $30,149,113.00, and total reserves of $13,296,391.00, consisting of capital and general reserves. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

4. Non-Federal Share of Medicaid Resolution #30-26

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve Resolution #30-26 to spend up to a total of $12,678,477.00, in calendar year 2027, to pay the non-federal share of Medicaid services as required by Section 5126.0511 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code. This amount

shall be adequate to ensure that Medicaid services will be available in the county in a manner that conforms to all applicable state and federal laws. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

5. Excess Property Resolution #31-26

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to approve Resolution #31-26 to declare the attached items as excess property and unusable by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Bokmuller asked if we get money back from the auctions. Ms. Bates stated that we do. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

6. Delegate Assembly Resolution #32-26

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve Resolution #32-26 to appoint a delegate and an alternate to attend, vote, and to give the authority to use their discretion in representing the Board's best interest at the OACB Delegate Assembly to be held Wednesday, November 11, 2026, in Columbus.

Delegate: <u>Dave Hartman</u>

Alternate: <u>Stacey Maleckar</u>

The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

7. Appropriation Transfer Resolution #34-26

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve Resolution #34-26 to authorize the Medina County Auditor to make the following appropriation transfers: $3,000.00 from Operations-Supplies to Utilities-Gas. The purpose of this transfer is due to projected natural gas needs for the remainder of the year. There was higher usage at the beginning of this calendar year due to weather/temperatures. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

H. Committee Reports

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting, September 28, 2026

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve the Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting, September 28, 2026. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

2. Policy Review and Approval – Chapters 1 & 2

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Kolar, to approve MCBDD Policy Chapters 1 & 2 as presented. Mr. Hartman expressed continued concern regarding the delineation of "The Board" and "MCBDD." After discussion, it was decided to re-submit Chapter 2 to the Policy Review Committee, which meets again on November 10, 2026, for further review. A Revised Motion to approve only Chapter 1 was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Kolar. The Revised Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote. A reminder was given to the Board to submit their recommendations for Chapters 3 & 4 to the Policy Committee prior to the scheduled meeting. Committee Members are Kelly Smith, Chair, Adina Kolar, and Debbie Bokmuller.

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I. Reports Review

a) Superintendent's Report - Stacey Maleckar
- Ms. Bokmuller requested that ShiftAbility come to a Board Meeting and do a presentation. Ms. Maleckar will look into this and stated that they also do townhall meetings.

b) Financial Report(s) - Carey Bates, Director of Business
- Revenue
  - At 58%
  - Have not received 2nd half tax payment. This is later than the typical payment cycle for receipt of taxes.
  - Donations: $1K confidential scholarship to be used for one additional scholarship awarded in calendar year 2027.
  - Donated Fund Interest: $967.73 (have not received since 2024 due to previous county overpayment; should receive two times per year).
- Expenditures
  - At 67%.
- Cash Balance – $31M.
- Cash Flow - $915K use of fund balance; YTD use is 6.5M. This will continue to grow until we receive the 2nd half tax payment.
- Voucher Report – Board questions addressed.

c) Acceptance of Financial Reports Resolution #33-26.
A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve Resolution #33-26 to accept the financial reports for September 2026. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

d) Board Stats Report
- Projected YTD added for referrals.
- Board questions addressed.

e) Quarterly Reports (Contracts/Ombudsman/MUI/Waiver Statistics)
- Board questions addressed.

f) Action Plan Dashboard (FA 3)
- Ms. Maleckar reviewed and stated we are on target.

III. Open Forum (Board Policy Ch. 2, Sec. 4 E)

Wayne Carroll
- Mr. Carroll stated that the right lists in Ch. 1 Policy could be modified based on whether or not the individual is a minor and has a guardian. Also recommended training for guardians on individual rights.
- Mr. Carroll stated that Ohio has over 250 measles cases and asked if that is being addressed i.e. are kids with measles being segregated.

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- Mr. Carroll asked if the new dashboard that is being developed will be available to the public, and if not, he asked how he can make a public records request since the information is subject to the Public Records Act.

IV. Executive Session

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to enter into Executive Session for the following reason(s): Personnel Matters. Ms. Davis was invited to stay. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

V. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:49 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

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Board Chair Board Secretary

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