

**ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Main Conference Room, 4405 Galloway Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

*"The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities empowers people and their families while living, working, learning and being part of their community"*

**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Eric Kibler, David Stuck, Kay Mackey, Don Sieg, Stacie Schmid, Carrie Beier, Rachel Malone and Diane Corso.

**VISITORS:**

Jim Meade, Sharon Travis, Jennifer Kinney, Megan Etzel, Felicia Zendejas, Bob Wright and Eric Wightman.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: 5:01 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Meade (Erie County Self Advocate) reported the Self Advocates sold food and beverages at the Provider Palooza on June 6, 2015. Erie County Self Advocates are working to finish and finalize their By-Laws.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*A Motion was made by Mr. David Stuck to approve the May 21, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. This motion was second by Ms. Kay Mackey and the motion carried.*

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE-ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE**

The next Annual Plan update will be August 2015. Management will provide department highlights and review new initiatives between Annual Plan updates.

**BOARD ACTION**

**A. ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Ethics Committee did not meet this month.

**B. FINANCE**

*Ms. Stacie Schmid made a motion to approve the May, 2015 Finance Report. Ms. Kay Mackey second the motion and with all members in favor the motion carried.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Tangible Personal Property Tax**

Update: The Senate has proposed restoring County Board TPPT at a reduced rate. They have proposed restoring \$20 million (over two years) to County Boards to only be used for Waiver maintenance. This will assure that TPPT dollars are only used to draw down federal Medicaid dollars. This proposal will be voted on June 18, by the full Senate. If all is approved this proposal will go to the Conference Committee for final revision and then to the Governor for final approval by July 1, 2015.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Options for Board trainings were discussed. Next DODD required Board Member webinar training will be scheduled after Board meeting for all to participate as a group.

The Clearwater Council of Governments will also be offering a Board Member training in the Fall of 2015. Once a date and agenda is finalized Carrie Beier will share with the Board.

Eric Kibler shared a concerned Self Advocate, Mike Metzger, approached him and asked if the Board would support the maintaining the "Bill of Rights" as is with no changes (House Bill 64-Senate version proposed several changes to the current Bill of Rights).

A motion was made by Eric Kibler and second by David Stuck to adopt the following Resolution:

The Erie County Board of DD supports the Bill of Rights for Individuals with disabilities to remain unchanged as currently written in Ohio Revised Code.

## **Superintendent Report**

*The Superintendent reported on various events and initiatives happening at the Board. Below are highlights from this report:*

### **Conflict of Interest**

Update: OACB has been investigating what legal options may be available to County Boards regarding the Federal expectation for conflict free case management throughout Ohio. They have hired legal consultants to investigate the options that may be open to Ohio. OACB will be informing County Boards of their findings and the Board of Trustees will be meeting to evaluate what next steps may be if any.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will not be responding to the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services request for a Corrective Action Plan. DODD has requested conversation with CMS around this issue for Ohio and they have not responded. There are some counties throughout Ohio who are discussing whether to be a provider of service or to provide Service and Support Administration (SSA services). At this time the conflict of interest issue is specific to the use of Medicaid dollars.

## **TDD**

Update: Our management team is evaluating the possible local fiscal impact over time of the transfer of families from the TDD Waiver to a Level 1, IO or SELF. We will be sharing this information with the Board Finance Committee during the upcoming 2016 budgeting process.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has sent out a letter to families who are currently enrolled in the Transitions Developmental Disabilities Waiver to let them know this waiver will be phased out over the next several years and individuals will be enrolled on one of the other DD waivers such as IO (Individual Options Waiver), Level 1 Waiver or SELF (Self). The SSA's and staff will be working with families to help them through the transition process.

## **MISC.**

Management staff are planning a staff appreciation picnic event for August 2, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 at Nickle Plate Park in Huron. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend if you are available.

New Rules now require guardians of adults to participate in training. Attached you will find information on the trainings that are now being made available.

The Health Care Committee (Management and Union representatives) have been meeting to share information and discuss topics of interest, needs and concerns around health care benefits and coverage. Management has completed a staff survey to gather more detailed information and will be setting up a meeting with our broker to begin the process of going out to bid in August 2015

The Family Funfest / Provider Palooza was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Erie County Board of DD. We had 6 radio spots on K96 featuring a HMG Home Visiting Family, Samantha Bevrick (Community Employment), Eric Kibler Board of DD, Carrie Beier & Sharon Travis Employment First. Attendance was low, weather was windy and cold. We will evaluate and assess the event regarding future needs.

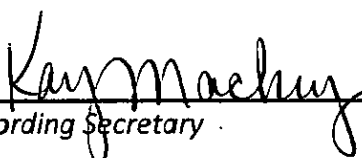
We are investigating the use of a local consultant for Social Media development and implementation and Newsletter services. I am working with Huron County to see how we can share these services and costs. My target for bringing this expertise to Erie County is Fall of 2015.

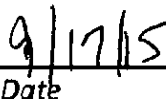
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. David Stuck made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:39 p.m. The motion was second by Mr. Don Sieg and with all members in favor the May board meeting was adjourned.*

  
Recording Secretary

  
Date