

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
May 18, 2017

PRESENT:

Board Members: Howard Collins, Eric Kibler, Stacie Schmid, Don Sieg, David Stuck, Jude Theibert and Bob Wright.

ECBDD Staff: Carrie Beier, Rachel Malone and Michelle Kelley.

VISITORS SIGNED IN:

Jennifer Kinney, Becki Walters, Sharon Travis, Megan Etzel, Diane Corso, Kevin Ferback and Jim Meade.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The May 18, 2017 Board Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President, David Stuck. Roll Call was taken with all members present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Self-Advocate Report was given by Jim Meade. Jim provided a handout on the 1st Annual Synergy Club Bowling Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 23rd at Cedar Lanes from 3-6pm. The cost is \$20 per person and includes bowling, pizza and pop. A bake sale, raffle baskets, and 50/50 drawings are being planned for the event. The group is seeking prize donations, if board members or staff know of anyone interested in donating please contact Jim.

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Eric Kibler made a motion to approve the April 20, 2017, Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Bob Wright seconded the motion. Mrs. Stacie Schmid abstained from the motion and with all other members in favor the motion passed.

V. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Ethics Committee:** The Ethics Committee did not meet and therefore there is no report.
- B. **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee did meet.
 - 1. The Fiscal Report for Month End April 30, 2017, was distributed for review and approval. Mr. Jude Theibert reported revenue as at or above target and expenses are on track as well.

Mr. Jude Theibert made a motion to approve the April Fiscal Report. Mr. Eric Kibler seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

2. Mr. Jude Theibert reported the following on behalf of the Finance Committee:
- The payroll change to move employee payroll from one to two weeks in arrears will occur the 3rd pay date in June, as previously discussed. This change is occurring county wide per the Erie County Auditor's Office.
 - Two new vehicles were recently purchased by the Board: a 2017 Ford Escape and 2017 Ford Flex. These two new vehicles replace two older fleet vehicles which were traded in on the purchases.
 - The mini-grant concept for Independent Providers is not recommended after seeking a legal opinion. Donated funds are not an option for mini grants either, but could be used for hiring a trainer.
 - OPERS Update- A letter from OPERS has been received specifying the amount due by the ECBDD to OPERS. This amount is due by 6/30/17. Federal stimulus funds and other funds had been earmarked to cover this anticipated amount of \$387,240. The Board will proceed with payment to OPERS.

3. **Resolution #: 05-08-2017**

The Erie County Commissioners require a Board **THEN and NOW resolution** for expenses that are being submitted for payment without a previously encumbered purchase order. This **THEN and NOW resolution** confirms that the DD Board had insufficient money in the budget at year end **2015** (THEN) and has sufficient money in the expense line item in **2017** (NOW) to pay this invoice.

RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD FOR AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CLEARWATER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

The Erie County Board of DD met this **18th DAY OF MAY, 2017**

Mr. Eric Kibler introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, CLEARWATER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (reimbursement of SSA Substitute Services for July 2015 (inv #1493) requires payment for goods and/or services provided; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD:

THAT CLEARWATER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS is herewith approved for payment in the amount of \$1,466.75 (One thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars and 75/100 Cents) provided for the Erie County Board of DD out of appropriation account #20110-6517-532000 Service & Support Professional Services Line.

THAT the Erie County Board of DD hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which result in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements of the Revised Code.

Mrs. Stacie Schmid second the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Don Sieg	AYE
David Stuck	AYE
Bob Wright	AYE
Howard Collins	AYE
Eric Kibler	AYE
Jude Theibert	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

Adopted: YES

C. Policy Committee Report: The Policy Committee did meet.

1. The Policy Committee has reviewed and revised, with input from those Board Members whom provided revisions, eight policies for Board Approval. These policies are as follows:
 - Document Management
 - Service and Support Administration Policy
 - Family Directed Resources
 - Building/ Conference Room Usage
 - Children's Options and Community Supports Waiting List (COCS)
 - Major Unusual Incident Reporting (MUI)
 - Due Process for Medicaid Covered Services
 - HCBS and Individuals Supports Waiting List

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to approve the above listed policies as revised. Mr. Jude Theibert seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Ferback reviewed the provided Facilities Department Report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Provider Contracts Update

The Independent Contractor Options document was distributed and reviewed. Board members were previously provided a copy of this information by email. Independent Contractors have been notified of options and informational meetings were held 5/8/17-5/17/17. Independent Contractors are to provide a decision to the Board by 5/31/17 on which option they are pursuing.

B. State Budget Update

Carrie provided a brief update on the State Budget. The State Budget is currently at the Senate level and being amended before going to the Governor.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 Authorized Employee Positions

The committee was provided a copy of the 2017 Authorized Employee Positions, which is reviewed annually by the Board. Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to approve the 2017 Authorized Employee Positions list as presented. Mr. Jude Theibert seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

B. Table of Organization

The current Table of Organization was distributed as a reference to board members.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Carrie Beier, Superintendent, distributed and reviewed her monthly report.

- I attended the following meetings, trainings and activities: Sandusky Kiwanis meeting, Erie County Self-Advocate meeting, Ohio Association of County Boards of DD (OACB) Board of Trustee Conference Call, Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Spring Conference, Erie Board Independent Contractor Meetings (FIN, Self Advocates, IC Providers) and the Ohio Dept. of DD EI Advisory.
- Public Relations:
 - June 2017 Erie County Board of DD Community Connections and Community Engagement News (attached).
 - Erie County Board Facebook Statistics – January through April 2017 (attached).
- We have one new SSA starting on May 30th and we have several more interviews to complete before filling the two SSA positions that need to be filled.
- Ball vs. Kasich Lawsuit update: No update.
- American Health Care Act (AHCA) – Medicaid Per Capita. I have attached for you a summary outlining the effects that could take place regarding individuals with disabilities should the AHCA pass as proposed by the House. AHCA currently is sitting with the Senate for their input and proposals. We are also concerned for senior citizens as they will possibly see increased costs and reduced services.
- May 9, 2017 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that states will have an additional three years to achieve compliance with the agency's revised guidelines on home- and community-based services (HCBS) that were issued in March 2014. Previously, states were required to achieve compliance with the rule through transition plans monitored and approved by CMS no later than March 2019. It should be noted that CMS's decision to extend the deadline from 2019 to 2022 did not change any aspect of the new rule's requirements that services be delivered in community-integrated settings (as defined by the 2014 rule), nor did it address any topic related to states' compliance with conflict of interest provisions, which Ohio has agreed to meet no later than 2024.

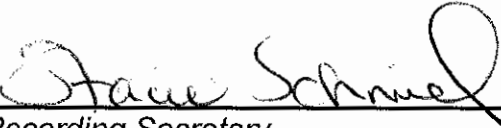
- Several County Boards in Ohio are lobbying with legislators and assume authority over surveying and suspending providers. This is not something that all County Boards are in agreement on and the OACB is working to survey all boards to support the majority position. I have expressed concerns over taking on this role with providers and will continue to share concerns so we can come to some agreement on what will be best for all County Boards in Ohio. The Ohio Providers Association (OPERA) has concerns with this amendment also and I have attached their concerns.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session did not occur and therefore there is no report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jude Theibert made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bob Wright. With all members in favor, the motion passed and the May Board meeting was adjourned.


Recording Secretary

6-15-17
Date