



*"The mission of the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to:
Inspire, empower, and support individuals and their families."*

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
4405 Galloway Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2022

PRESENT

Board Members: Dave Danhoff, Mark Harrington, Eric Kibler, and Katelyn Miller.

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

VISITORS SIGNED IN

Diane Corso and Jennifer Kinney.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 15, 2022, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Dave Danhoff.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Mrs. Tracey Susana and Mrs. Stacie Schmid were absent excused. All other Board Members were present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

V. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Eric Kibler seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. **Ethics Committee Report:** The Ethics Committee did not meet.

B. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met this month. Rachel Malone reported that the August financials were reviewed by the Finance Committee. Rachel shared the following highlights:

- Revenue and expenses are on target for YTD.
- We received our 2nd half levy taxes in August.
- DODD is moving forward with the 6.5% County Board Provider Retention Program. We anticipate that we will receive our first invoice in October or before year-end.
- The committee briefly discussed the upcoming State of Ohio Biennium budget process.

2. Fiscal Report

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending August 31, 2022, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. Eric Kibler made a motion to approve the August Fiscal Report as submitted. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

C. Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee reviewed one policy in September. This policy was the:

- Behavior Supports Strategies and The Human Rights Committee Policy

The Behavior Supports Strategies and The Human Rights Committee Policy was reviewed and revised. The Policy Committee is recommending Board approval of this policy. Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Eric Kibler seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Remote Supports

The Remote Supports Report was distributed to Board Members (handout). Carrie Beier, on behalf of Erin McDougall, SSA Manager, reviewed highlights from the report.

B. Facilities Department

The Facilities Department Report was distributed to Board Members (handout). Rachel Malone, on behalf of Kevin Ferback, Facility Manager, reviewed highlights from the report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Night to Shine

Carrie Beier reported that The Chapel reached out to us to partner with them on an event they are planning, The Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine on February 10, 2023. This event is essential a prom style event for individuals ages 14-23 with developmental disabilities. Volunteers will be needed.

B. Empty Bowls

We will be partnering with OHgo at their Empty Bowls event on October 3, 2022. Staff will be volunteering at this event.

C. Transportation

Carrie Beier reported that we have been provider of last resort for many years. Ability Works is planning to take over provider of last transportation for those who qualify for provider of last resort supports. Steve Postalakis is drafting a contract for ECBDD and we anticipate this will be ready for Board approval at the next meeting.

X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Carrie attended the following virtual/remote meetings, trainings and activities: Erie County Family & Children's First Council August Meeting, Ohio Provider Resource Association, Provider Friday Five's virtual, Ohio Association of County Boards Superintendent Executive Committee meeting, Clearwater Council of Government Annual Retreat, volunteered at Ironman event, Kiwanis, Ability Works Open House, Erie County Chamber of Commerce Govt. Affairs Committee, Regional Clearwater COG Tech Fest, Erie County Community Corrections meeting, Alzheimer's Walk, Erie Co. Health Dept. Sandusky Streets, and Region 1 Superintendent meeting.
- **Media/Public Relations:**
 - Sandusky Register (attached):
 - *State officials visits board-* September 2, 2022
 - Community Connections Calendar- visit the ECBDD website at www.eriecbdd.org/events for our full calendar of events.
- **Personnel:**
 - We have made an offer to a candidate for the SSA Manager position. We hope to have this position filled within 45 days.
 - An All Staff Inservice is being planned for November 15th, 2022.
- **Erie Co. Board of DD Annual Building Bridges Awards Banquet:** Please be sure to RSVP (ASAP) to Michelle regarding your attendance at our event on October 13, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Mesenburg Plaza Place in Huron Ohio.
- **Erie County Providers:** Erie County is funding recognition for all Direct Service Providers (DSP) in honor of DSP Appreciation Week. Please share the following video to help promote, educate and recruit the Direct Service Professional career opportunities for those we serve: https://youtu.be/Mxk2_qvVOkE.
- **Clearwater Council of Government:**
 - Lucas County is joining the Clearwater COG. Current Clearwater COG member counties include Erie, Seneca, Huron, Ottawa, Crawford, Richland, Marion, and Morrow. Five other counties purchase some supports and services a la carte.
 - DODD has made available to COG's throughout the state, grant funds to support counties who need help providing Early Intervention evaluation and assessments. Some counties have seen a large influx of referrals and are struggling to complete all needed evaluations and assessments in the required 45-day timeline.
- **OACB:**

- **Upcoming State of Ohio Biennium budget process:** The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) has released the 2024-2025 budget guidance from Director Murnieks to state agencies. Assuming Governor DeWine is re-elected as expected, he will need to submit a budget to the General Assembly by January 31, 2023.

OBM has requested that all agency language requests be submitted on the following dates:

- September 16, 2022 – Group 1: Licensing boards and commissions
- October 14, 2022 – Group 2: Small to mid-size agencies
- October 28, 2022 – Group 3: Cabinet agencies and all other executive agencies (This group includes DODD/ODM)
- November 1, 2022 – Group 4: Legislative, judicial, and statewide elected agencies

Director Murnieks is asking for agencies to submit only one budget scenario, “that represents a level of funding that supports agency priorities for the benefit of Ohioans while reducing bureaucracy. Budget requests to create new programs or to expand existing programs will require justification with demonstrable results and supporting data.”

Since OBM did not ask state agencies to create multiple budget scenarios or otherwise indicate that an overall reduction in expenditures is expected, OACB is encouraged that the FY24-25 budget may offer greater opportunities to combat Ohio’s DD workforce crisis than were originally anticipated.

OACB continues to gather feedback from members and meet weekly with the DD stakeholder coalition as a comprehensive budget proposal is formed on behalf of Ohio’s DD service delivery system. More information will be shared with members frequently as it becomes known throughout this process.

- **Ohio Supreme Court rules against SERB, Portage DD on Board Member Picketing:** In a ruling on 9/13/22, the Ohio Supreme Court invalidated a state law that defined picketing activity by organized labor representatives (i.e., labor union members, supporters, etc.) at the private residences or workplaces of public officials as an “unfair labor practice.”

The ruling essentially concludes that this state law was in violation of the First Amendment, affirming the ruling of a lower court that also found the law violated the U.S. Constitution's free speech protections.

The implication of this decision is that labor picketing in public areas outside the homes and private employers of county board members and other public officials—including the homes of county board employees—is permitted under Ohio law. Existing laws concerning disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, trespass, and other local restrictions may still apply.

OACB requested attorney Steve Postalakis prepare a brief summary of the case and its implications on our behalf so that you can share this news with your board members as appropriate. This memorandum, which contains a copy of the Court's ruling, is attached.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me—if your question applies to all members, we will request additional follow-up from legal counsel.

Questions about specific instances related to unique circumstances at your local board may be sent to Steve Postalakis directly, who can provide custom legal advice at the firm's standard hourly rate, which would be directly billed to your board.

- **DODD**

- **DODD Waiver Redesign Initiative:** DODD has identified and contracted with a vendor to assist the state with waiver redesign planning. There is a statewide stakeholders group called the “Blueprint Group” who is participating in the redesign of the Ohio Waiver System. DODD has also contracted with a national consultant, Milliman, to help guide the state through this redesign process. I will be sharing details of this effort as this effort moves forward. Below is an update regarding work being done with this effort.

Blueprint Highlights:

- Implementation teams continue to meet.
- Self-Directed Transportation service was effective July 1, 2022.
- Rule and Waiver implementation team secured subject matter expert, Milliman.
- Training and TA implementation team secured subject matter expert, OCALI.

Implementation Team Updates:

- Rule and Waiver Amendment Team- This team's work is guided by subject matter experts from Milliman, and the initial focus is on the non-work service, Adult Day Support. The team met last on August 17, 2022 and has reviewed and accepted input related to service definition, provider qualifications, service location, and has begun development of a new rate model framework. Next steps are to make key decision related to service rate adjustments, develop a quality payment strategy, and align goals with objectives and performance measures. This teams target date is fall 2022 to finish conversations on the Adult Day Support Service.
- Communications Team- This team is being reconvened to discuss next steps.
- Training and Technical Assistance Team- This team met last on July 11, 2021, and members reviewed training and TA documents being drafted through a contract with OCALI concerning Adult Day Support and foundational training documents for people with lived experience and families.
- **County Board Provider Retention Program (6.5% retention payments):**

payments):

 - DODD shared that CMS has approved the Appendix K application allowing for County Boards to fund the 6.5% retention payment program discussed over the past few months. DODD is in the process of filing a rule that will allow the County Board Provider Retention Payment Program to go into effect. The most recent draft rule version

that has been shared was August 9, 2022. DODD is focused on moving this process forward to get at least 2 quarters worth of payments out to providers between October and December. I am hopeful we will know more details by October 15th.

- OACB is developing a one page talking point document to help keep all the messaging to providers about his effort consistent throughout the 88 counties.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Eric Kibler made a motion to enter into Executive Session for **certain personal matters** to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

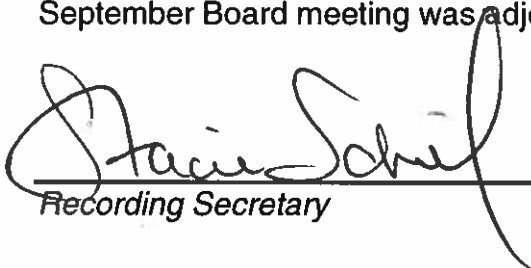
Dave Danhoff AYE
Mark Harrington AYE
Eric Kibler AYE
Katelyn Miller AYE

At 6:36 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

At 7:12 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:13 p.m. Mr. Eric Kibler seconded the motion. With all members in favor the motion passed, and the September Board meeting was adjourned.


Recording Secretary

10-20-22
Date