



*"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

May 18, 2023

PRESENT

Board Members: Dave Danhoff, Mark Harrington, Katelyn Miller, Mary Peters, and Stacie Schmid.

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

VISITORS SIGNED IN

Mike Riggle and Nick Sennish.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 2023, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Dave Danhoff.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Mr. Eric Kibler was absent excused. All other Board Members were present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the April 20, 2023, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mrs. Katelyn Miller 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 April financials were reviewed by the Finance Committee. Rachel shared the following highlights:

- Revenue and expenses were on target for YTD.

2. Fiscal Report

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending April 30, 2023, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the April Fiscal Report as submitted. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

3. Then and Now Resolution Payment to Auxiant

Resolution #: 05-04-2023

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 **2021** (THEN) and has sufficient money in the expense line item in **2023** (NOW) to pay this invoice.

RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO AUXIANT.

The Erie County Board of DD met this **18th DAY OF MAY 2023**. Mr. Mark Harrington introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, AUXIANT (reimbursement of December 2021 insurance claims) requires payment for goods and/or services provided; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD:

THAT AUXIANT is herewith approved for payment in the amount of \$440.18 (Four hundred forty dollars and 18/100 Cents) provided for the Erie County Board of DD out of appropriation account #20110-6500-512401.

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. Katelynn Miller seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Dave Danhoff	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Katelynn Miller	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

Adopted: YES

C. Policy Committee Report

The Policy Committee reviewed two policies in May. These policies were the:

- Proper Use of Public Funds Policy (reviewed, no revisions)
- Document Management, Retention and Destruction of Board Records Policy (reviewed, no revisions)

The Proper Use of Public Funds Policy and the Document Management, Retention and Destruction of Board Records Policy were both reviewed, and no revisions were made. No action is needed by the Board.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Update

We continue to work with the Impact Group on developing our next Strategic Plan. See Superintendent Report Section for update.

B. House Bill 1 Update

See Superintendent Report Section for update.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appendix K Unwinding

OACB recently submitted a letter in response to Appendix K. A copy of this letter was provided to Board Members (handout). Additional information about Appendix K is included in the Superintendent Report section.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Carrie attended the following in-person/virtual/remote meetings, trainings and activities: Ohio Provider Resource Association Provider Friday Five's virtual, Kiwanis meeting, Rotary meeting, Region 1 Superintendent meeting, United Way Board Meeting, Erie County Executive Council FCFC Executive Committee meeting, Greater Sandusky Partnership Spring Symposium, OACB EI Committee Meeting, and OACB Spring Conference.
- **Media/Public Relations:**
 - Sandusky Register: None
 - Community Connections Calendar- visit the ECBDD website at www.eriecbdd.org/events for our full calendar of events.
- **Personnel:**
 - Suzy Stevenson will be filling the SSA Manager position on 6/1/23.

- We have 2 open SSA positions and are actively interviewing candidates.
- **Erie County Providers:** We are continuing to support a group of our local providers through Firelands Forward Employee Resource Network Services. Providers continue to receive supports and services through the Clearwater COG and our local provider support person Megan Etzel.
- **Strategic Planning:** Directors met with Tom Speaks (Impact Group) to review draft goals and objectives to update our strategic plan. Tom will send the leadership team additional information to better analyze and refine proposed goals and objectives.
- **OACB - DODD:**
 - State Biennium Budget Update: House Bill 33 (the state operating budget) was released by the House Finance Committee. The Finance Committee included additional money to increase average DSP rates starting on 1/1/24 to \$17/hour and then again on 7/1/24 to \$18/hour across services. This increase is expected to be supported at some level in the Senate. Testimony will continue in the Senate, and the Senate is expected to support increasing of the Medicaid rate, but we are not sure at what level of support the Senate will agree to. The Senate is currently hosting hearings from stakeholders as they analyze revisions they may be making as next steps.
 - Appendix K Unwinding: The Ohio Dept. of Medicaid and DODD is moving forward to continue to support some rule changes that were adopted as temporarily flexibilities during COVID through Appendix K. During COVID, allowances were made for parents to be paid providers for children due to school closings, health concerns, work force shortage etc. The Department of Medicaid and DODD are moving forward to support this practice in the future with new rules, policy, criteria, and limitations. Few details have been shared to this point but the goal is to have all new rules, policy, criteria, assessment, limitations ready to implement by November 11th. County Boards are continuing discussions with DODD regarding the details and finances regarding this initiative. Medicaid has hosted webinars to inform the industry at large that that new rules are being developed to support this the retention of some of the Appendix K flexibilities.
Additional discussions are taking place at the state level to address future changes in Shared Living and Homemaker Personal Care and Respite supports.
 - House Bill 1 – Tax Reform: Update: At this time, OACB is reporting this portion of HB 1 is dead and is not moved forward to become law. The local meeting with Rep. DJ Swearingen on June 5th was cancelled, as the Bill is no longer being considered. I will continue to monitor any legislation that would affect our local levies.
 - DODD Waiver Redesign: The DODD home and community-based waiver system is almost twenty years old. The system needs to be updated to better meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. To achieve this, DODD is working with partners on the Waiver Redesign Initiative.
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achieve this, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is working with partners on the Waiver Redesign Initiative.

The Waiver Redesign Initiative is made up of many current and future projects and activities. Included in the initiative are the following current projects:

- Blueprint for Adult Day and Employment Services
- 2022 Level One and SELF Waiver Simplification and Improvement
- Waiver Modernization Project with Deloitte
- Review of Appendix K Flexibilities
- Mental Health Awareness Month: This is Mental Health Awareness Month, take a moment to check in with yourself and others. Anyone can experience mental illness, and it is important that we support one another in our journeys toward mental wellness. Here are some helpful resources: [The Wellness Project](#), [Dr. Gentile Mental Wellness Videos](#).

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to enter into Executive Session for confidential matters, to be kept confidential by federal and state law. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

Dave Danhoff	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Katelyn Miller	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

At 6:23 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

At 6:44 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session.

Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve a one-time expenditure of donated funds not to exceed \$1200.00 for J.F., to assist with the currently approved supports until appropriate childcare or preschool is found which support health and safety. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed and the motion passed:

Dave Danhoff	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Katelyn Miller	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:46 p.m. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. With all members in favor the motion passed, and the May Board meeting was adjourned.

XII. TRAINING

Board Member Training was held following the meeting on the topic of Guardianship/Supported Decision Making. The training began at approximately 6:55 p.m. and ended at 7:55 p.m.


Recording Secretary

6-15-23
Date