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Inspire, empower, and support individuals and their families."*

## **ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

4405 Galloway Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 20, 2024**

#### **PRESENT**

Board Members: David Danhoff (electronic), Mark Harrington, Katelyn Miller, Mary Peters, and Stacie Schmid.

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

#### **VISITORS SIGNED IN**

Diane Corso, Jennifer Kinney, Mike Riggle, and Felicia Zendejas.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 20, 2024, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President, Mr. David Danhoff.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

#### **V. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to approve the May 16, 2024, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

## **VI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Finance Committee**

#### **1. Finance Committee Report**

Rachel Malone reported the May financials were reviewed by the Finance Committee. She shared that revenue and expenses are on track for year-to-date.

#### **2. Fiscal Report**

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending May 31, 2024, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve the May Fiscal Report as submitted. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

#### **3. Then & Now Resolution Payment to Auxiant**

##### **Resolution #: 06-07-2024**

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 account being used was not used in the year **2022** (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 **20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024**, Mr. David Danhoff introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS, AUXIANT (reimbursement of OCTOBER 2022 CLAIMS – BILLED IN APRIL 2024) 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 \$143.97 (One hundred forty-three dollars and 97/100 Cents) provided for the Erie County Board of DD out of appropriation account #20110-6500-512401 Board Health Insurance 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 seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

**Adopted: YES**

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

**C. Policy Committee Report:** The Policy Committee did not meet.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Property Management Contract Transition**

Carrie Beier reported that our property management contract with North Coast Community Homes will end on July 31, 2024.

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the Superintendent enter into contract with Summit Housing Development Corporation for Property Management Services, effective August 1, 2024. Services shall not exceed the current budgeted amount. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

### **B. Waiver Modernization Update/ Stop Loss Proposal**

A handout was provided to Board Members on the DODD Waiver Modernization Project (handout). Carrie Beier reported that Rachel Malone is part of the County Board Workgroup that has been meeting to discuss DODD and County Board waiver funding, and proposed reimbursement system changes. Rachel shared details on the Stop Loss Proposal, which includes factors such as: eligibility, reserved funds, and match cost. The Stop Loss Proposal would be similar to an insurance program for high cost waivers, with a capped amount that local county boards would be responsible to match. We will continue to keep Board Members informed as updates occur.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Home Visiting Service Contract Extension with Ohio Department of Children & Youth SFY 2025**

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to continue the provision of the Ohio Department of Children & Youth (DCY) Home Visiting Services for State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) and enter into contract extension with the

Ohio Department of Children & Youth (DCY) to provide Home Visiting Services. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed

**B. Early Intervention Service Coordination Services Contract with Erie County Commissioners/ Erie County Family and Children First Council SFY 2025**

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to continue the provision of the Ohio Department of Children & Youth (DCY) Early Intervention (EI) Service Coordination Services, for State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) and enter into contract with the Erie County Commissioners/ Erie County Family and Children First Council to provide Early Intervention (EI) Service Coordination Services. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed

**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, Rotary, Erie County FCFC Executive Committee meeting, SEC Superintendent Committee meeting, United Way of Erie County Bd. Meeting, Region 1 Superintendent meeting, FCFC Council Advisory meeting, and conference on Behavioral & Mental Health.
- **Media/Public Relations:**
  - Sandusky Register (handout): *State commends local board*- online 6/18/2024
  - Community Connections Calendar- visit the ECBDD website at [www.eriecbdd.org/events](http://www.eriecbdd.org/events) for our full calendar of events.
- **Accreditation:**
  - We received one citation regarding the process for addressing behavior supports when a restriction needs to be a part of a person's supports. We have submitted our Plan of Correction (POC) and the team has met to discuss a plan to move forward. Attached you will find the email from Tina Haggerty, the lead reviewer for DODD's accreditation team. Carrie shared that she is extremely proud of all staff who work to support the lives of those we serve.
- **OACB - Legislative updates:**
  - **House Bill 512:** Representative Gail Pavliga (R-Portage County) introduced House Bill 512, aiming to create a more efficient licensing

process for emergency placement facilities catering to children with developmental or intellectual challenges and high acuity behaviors. The bill is currently under review by the House Families and Aging Committee.

Recently, the committee held a proponent testimony hearing, during which advocates for the bill presented their arguments in favor of its passage. This progress signifies a step forward in addressing the urgent need for appropriate housing and support for children in need.

Key aspects of House Bill 512 include:

- Streamlined Licensing Process: The bill proposes a more efficient process for licensing emergency placement facilities for children, which would help to address the immediate needs of children entering the system.
- Collaboration for Solutions: The Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council would be required to collaborate with stakeholders, including county boards and DODD to develop treatment and placement solutions for children with developmental or intellectual challenges.

During the proponent testimony hearing, the Public Children's Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) presented survey data indicating that 1 in 4 children enter the children services system due to mental health issues, developmental/intellectual disabilities, or from juvenile custody facilities. This has led to an increase in the number of children awaiting placement, while the number of acceptable housing opportunities has declined. PCSAO testified that House Bill 512 would provide short-term placement opportunities for children with complex needs while long-term housing options are being identified.

Written testimony in support of the bill was also submitted by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), Portage County Department of Jobs and Family Services, and Ohio Children's Hospital Association. The bill now awaits future committee consideration and hearings.

- **Dept. of Justice Update:** New Voting Guidance for those with disabilities. Key points of the new guidance include:
  1. **Voter Registration and Poll Access:** People with disabilities have the right to register to vote and access polling places and voting systems without facing discrimination.
  2. **Assistance in Voting:** Voters with disabilities can receive assistance from a person of their choice. This includes help with requesting, completing, and returning ballots, whether voting in person, absentee, or by mail.
  3. **No Stricter Standards:** States are prohibited from imposing stricter standards on people with disabilities, including those under guardianship.

**Service Animals and Accessible Methods:** Polling places must allow

service animals and offer accessible voting methods to ensure that people with disabilities can vote independently and privately.

- **FAA Reauthorization Act introduces air travel improvements for those with disabilities:** The recent signing of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act brings significant improvements for travelers with disabilities. This new law introduces several measures aimed at enhancing the air travel experience for passengers with disabilities by addressing various aspects of their journey from booking to landing:
  - **Accessible Seating Accommodations:** Passengers will now have the ability to request more leg room or seating closer to restrooms, ensuring a more comfortable flight experience.
  - **Onboard Wheelchair Reservations:** The Act mandates that airlines provide clear information about the ability to reserve onboard wheelchairs, making it easier for passengers who need them.
  - **Improved Training for Airline Workers:** Airline staff who assist passengers using wheelchairs will receive better training, ensuring they can provide the best possible support and assistance.
  - **Universal Changing Stations:** All medium and large airports are now required to install or maintain at least one universal changing station in every terminal. This includes appropriate signage to guide users to these facilities.
  - **Enhanced Accessibility of Digital Platforms:** Airline websites, apps, and kiosks must increase their accessibility, making it easier for passengers with disabilities to navigate and use these resources.
- **DODD: 25th Anniversary of Olmstead V. L.C.:** On June 22, 1999, the Court issued an opinion pursuant to the Americans with Disability Act, finding that individuals with disabilities should receive services in the most integrated settings possible. Since that finding, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's Money Follows the Person program (known as HOME Choice in Ohio) and DODD's various Incentive Programs, including Exit Waivers, Transition Funds, Bridge Funding, Community Capital Assistance, and the Rental Assistance Program, have made it possible for many Ohioans with developmental disabilities to transition to the community.
- **Personnel:**
  - Carolyn Wiseman, part time Receptionist, will be retiring as of August 1, 2024. We are moving forward to fill this position.
  - Andrew Bryant, our new Maintenance/Custodial Specialist, started on May 28, 2024.





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**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:34 p.m. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor the motion passed, and the June Board meeting was adjourned.

**XII. TRAINING**

Board Member Training was held following the meeting on the topics of IT & Records, Community Supports, Children’s Options, and the Ohio Department of Children & Youth (DCY). The training began at approximately 6:45 p.m. and ended at approximately 7:45 p.m.

*Soiree Schell*  
Recording Secretary

7-22-24  
Date