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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**

**April 17, 2025**

**PRESENT**

Board Members: David Danhoff, Mark Harrington, Eric Kibler, Katelyn Miller, and Stacie Schmid.

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

**VISITORS SIGNED IN**

Diane Corso, Mike Riggle, and Kristin Webb.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The April 17, 2025, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Mr. Eric Kibler.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken. Mrs. Mary Peters was absent excused. All other Board Members were present.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

**V. APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the March 20, 2025, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mrs. Stacie Schmid 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**

Rachel Malone reported the March financials were reviewed by the Finance Committee. Rachel shared the following:

- Bills for contract services were discussed.
- Real Estate tax collections were discussed.
- We received fiscal year 2023 waiver reconciliation.

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

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending March 31, 2025, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. David Danhoff made a motion to approve the March Fiscal Report as submitted. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

### **C. Policy Committee Report:**

Mrs. Stacie Schmid reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the following policies in March:

- Building/Conference Room Usage Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Community Supports Waiting List Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Fiscal Policy (reviewed, no revisions)

The Fiscal Policy was reviewed only and does not require Board approval. The Building/Conference Room Usage Policy and the Community Supports Waiting List Policy were reviewed and revised, and the Policy Committee recommended Board approval. Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve these policies as revised. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. State of Ohio Biennium Budget Status**

Carrie Beier reported that the State Budget has moved from the House to Senate. See Superintendent Report for more information.

### **B. Membership of County Boards (ORC 5126.021)**

See Superintendent Report.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ECBDD 2024 Community Message**

Carrie Beier reported that the 2024 Community Message was emailed this year, as opposed to USPS mailing. It was emailed to over 1,000 email addresses, including individuals we serve, parents/guardians, providers and community partners.

## **IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Carrie attended the following in-person/virtual/remote meetings, trainings, and activities: Ohio Provider Resource Association Provider Friday Five's virtual, Erie County FCFC Executive Committee meeting, Erie County FCFC Advisory Board meeting, SEC Superintendent Committee meeting, OACB Family and Children's Advisory Council, State Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting, and Clearwater COG Board of Directors meeting.
- **Media/Public Relations:**
  - Sandusky Register: *Playing with a purpose* – March 20, 2025 (attached)
- **Personnel:**
  - Negotiation dates, with the Non-SSA Unit, are set for May.
  - All positions are filled, at this time.
- **OACB:**
  - Jake Dowling shared highlights from the Ohio House of Representatives HB96 (Budget Bill) which passed on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, the bill now moves to the Senate. Notable provisions include:
    - Maintaining state funding for direct support professional (DSP) wage increases, as established in the previous operating budget (House Bill 33).
    - Continuing state funding for Part C Early Intervention services, which was included in the governor's introduced version due in large part to county board advocacy.
    - Removing language that would have codified a supported decision-making process.
    - Allowing a board of county commissioners to decline establishing or maintaining a Family and Children First Council under certain conditions, including a recommendation from the county department of job and family services.
    - Requiring a county budget commission to reduce school district property tax rates if a district's carryover balance exceeds 30% of the previous fiscal year's general fund expenditures (HB 28- see attached).
    - Modifying the Medicaid electronic visit verification (EVV) system to allow providers to review and correct claims, prohibit claim denials solely based on EVV data, and ban audits based only on EVV records.
    - Maintaining initial eligibility for publicly funded childcare (PFCC) at 145% of the federal poverty level, expanding the Childcare Choice Voucher program to \$50 million per fiscal year, and clarifying that Type A and B providers do not need to participate in Step Up to Quality to access the program.
    - Capping cash awards for county employees at 10% of their annual compensation, unless a higher amount is approved by county commissioners.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission of Erie County:** The Commission continues to meet and we are attending meetings regarding topics that may affect those we serve or our operations. Meetings are open to the public. For future meetings and updates, you can be added to the mailing list by emailing [BlueRibbon@eriecounty.oh.gov](mailto:BlueRibbon@eriecounty.oh.gov) or phone 419-627-7673.

- March 25<sup>th</sup> Technology Subcommittee meeting- Eric Wightman attended (minutes- see handout).
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Transportation Subcommittee meeting- Diane Corso attended (minutes- see handout).
- **County Board Membership:** Carrie Beier (Superintendent) held two informational sessions regarding **ORC 5126.021**. This code clarifies that a person receiving services from the county board should be one of the board members appointed by the commissioners or probate judge. Carrie is holding one more informational session this Spring and will try to hold one quarterly moving forward. So far, 4 people in total have attended, 2 people receiving our services and 2 parents/guardians.

#### **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

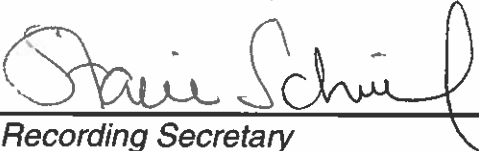
There was no Executive Session.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:17 p.m. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed and the April Board meeting was adjourned.

#### **XII. TRAINING**

Board Member Training was held following the meeting on the topics of: MUI/UI, DODD Health & Welfare Alerts, and COG Updates. The training began at approximately 6:30 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.

  
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Recording Secretary

5-10-25  
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