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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2026

PRESENT
Board Members: David Danhoff, Pamela Hall, Mark Harrington, Mary Peters, and Stacie Schmid.

ECBDD Staff: Carrie Beier and Michelle Kelley.

VISITORS SIGNED IN
Diane Corso, Felicia Zendejas, and Sara Lawson.

I. CALL TO ORDER
The September 17, 2026, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Vice President, Mr. David 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
Pam Hall invited Board Members to attend the Veteran's Fest on 9/19/26 from 11am-2pm at the American Legion.

V. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2026, MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the August 20, 2026, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mrs. Mary Peters 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 August financials were received and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee discussed the following:
   - Revenue at 82% YTD and expenses at 59% YTD.
   - The committee approved a budgeted transfer of $750,000. to cover waiver match.
   - A meeting with the Erie County Budget Commission is scheduled for 9/24/26 to discuss the 2027 Budget.

2. **Fiscal Report**
   The Fiscal Report for Month Ending August 31, 2026, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the August Fiscal Report as submitted. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

C. **Policy Committee Report:**
Mrs. Mary Peters reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the following policies in September:

- Technology First Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Administrative Resolution of Complaints Policy (revised)
- Public Records Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Affirmative Action Policy (Eliminating policy. Necessary language will be added to HR Manual- EEO section)

Mrs. Pamela Hall made a motion to eliminate the Affirmative Action Policy and approve the other policies as revised. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

D. **Superintendent Committee Update**
The Superintendent Committee reported that the Superintendent Evaluation Policy was reviewed and revised. Board Members reviewed these revisions.

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the policy as revised. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Board Member Open Seat Update**
One Board Member seat remains vacant. This is an Erie County Commissioner appointed seat and per ORC guidelines shall be filled by an individual we serve. Carrie Beier continues to reach out to the Commissioners to check on the status or plan for appointment of this seat.

B. **Table of Organization & Authorized Employee Positions**
The vacant FT Records Clerk Position has been vacant for over a year. The revised Table of Organization & revised Authorized Employee Positions list was shared with Board Members reflecting the elimination of this position.

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to eliminate the FT Records Clerk position. Mr. David Danhoff seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Agreement for Sharing Services of Superintendent**
Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to contract with the Huron County Board of DD for Emergency Shared Services of Superintendent. The Erie County Board of DD authorizes the President of the Erie County Board of DD to execute the agreement for Emergency Sharing of Superintendent Services from December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2028 on behalf of the Erie County Board of DD. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

David Danhoff	AYE
Pamela Hall	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

B. **DD System Future Funding**
See Superintendent Report.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Carrie attended the following in-person/virtual/remote meetings, trainings, and activities: Superintendent SEC OACB meeting, Ohio Provider Resource Association Provider Friday Five's virtual meeting, FCFC Executive Committee & Council meeting and quarterly Advisory meeting, Clearwater COG Board meeting, State OECAC Advisory Meeting, Region 1 Superintendent meeting, Erie County Community Corrections meeting, Ohio Department of Children and Youth KIDS Summit, Erie County HR Corsa training, OACB EI Forum, and OACB EI Committee meeting.

- **Media/Public Relations:** None

- **Personnel:**
  - Interviews are being scheduled for the PT Business & Finance Assistant position.
  - Denise Weisnberger has filled the FT position of Records Clerk / Receptionist.
  - Compressed negotiations are scheduled with the SSA Bargaining Unit for October 6th, 7th, and 8th.
  - Andy Swaisgood has accepted a position with Ohio Rise. Andy was employed by the COG and he was a shared position with Erie and Huron DD. We will be

reviewing the feasibility of replacing his services and supports for the future.

- **Erie County Budget Commission:** The Erie Co Board of DD will be meeting with the Erie County Budget Commission on September 24th at 2:00 pm at the Erie County Office building at 247 Columbus Ave, Sandusky Ohio, third floor Commission Chambers. The Erie Co Board of DD will be requesting the full 3 Mil revenue for 2027 services and supports and program operations. See the attached public announcement required for DD Boards.

- **Erie County Special Olympics:** Please see the attached thank you note regarding the Boards donation.

- **DODD**
  SEC Mtg. 9/10/26: Superintendents met with DODD staff (Lindsey Nash- DODD Director and Clay Wiedner DODD Chief Financial Officer) to discuss state wideness for Medicaid administration, compliance and consistency of Medicaid services and sustainability of DD supports and services into the future. OACB and DODD are developing a tool to clarify current and future fiscal pictures regarding increasing Medicaid costs and local property tax challenges. See attached proposed working draft of some of the proposed discussion points during the meeting.

- **OACB**
  County Board Levies on November 2026 Ballot (12)
  - Ashland: 2.1 mill **renewal** with 1 mill new (3 years)
  - Champaign: 1.5 mill new (5 years)
  - Cuyahoga: 2.25 mill new (10 years)
  - Delaware: 1.8 mill new (5 years)
  - Henry: 2.5 mill new (5 years)
  - Jefferson: 1.7 mill **renewal** (10 years)
  - Logan: 2 mill new (5 years)
  - Mahoning: 2.4 mill new (5 years)
  - Marion: 3 mill **renewal** (5 years)
  - Meigs: 2 mill new (5 years)
  - Pike: 2 mill new (5 years)
  - Tuscarawas: 1.2 mill new (10 years)

  CCOA (County Commissioners Association) Human Services Committee: OACB staff presented to the County Commissioners Association - Human Services Committee on Wednesday 9/9 regarding county board fiscal sustainability and growing Medicaid match obligation as a priority in its next legislative platform.

  The presentation's core objective was to give commissioners background on the scope and magnitude of the problem, offer a very high-level view of the work that's already been underway before we came to them, as well as provide insight into the ongoing evolution of our conversations with DODD.

  Shortly after the meeting the CCOA Human Services Committee authorized the team at CCAO to work with OACB to write platform language together for addition to CCAO's draft

legislative platform, which will be adopted by a vote of their membership later this year. This is a great step in the right direction!

The following counties have representatives on the CCOA Human Services Committee: **Ashland, Ashtabula, Clermont, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Huron, Logan, Lucas, Mahoning, Mercer, Montgomery, Ottawa, Portage, Shelby, Warren, and Wayne.**

OACB Annual Conference: The Annual OACB Conference is a bit earlier than usual this year. The conference is scheduled for November 11th, 12th, and 13th, in Columbus. If you are interested in planning to attend, please let Michelle know and as we receive information we will forward it to you.

Early Intervention – Part C: Attached you will find a summary regarding a national study by the Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association on the value of Early Intervention (birth to age 3) services. This information supports our commitment to supporting families and providing services to children and families as early as possible. Carrie also providing the link to the complete study: https://ims.ocali.io/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/EI-Program-Updates-9.1.2026.pdf

Misc.: Attached you will find an article from the Institute on Disability Awareness regarding air travel and wheelchairs. Please share as appropriate.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to enter into executive session for **collective bargaining**, preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

David Danhoff	AYE
Pamela Hall	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:38 p.m. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed and the September Board meeting was adjourned.

XII. TRAINING

Board Member Training was held following the meeting on the topics of: COG Services and MUI Data in Erie County. The training began at approximately 6:50 p.m. and ended at 7:20 p.m.

Mary Ann Mitchell 10/15/2026

Recording Secretary *Date*