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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2026

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

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

VISITORS SIGNED IN
Diane Corso and Jen Kinney.

I. CALL TO ORDER
The October 15, 2026, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President, Mr. Eric Kibler.

II. ROLL CALL
Roll Call was taken. All Board Members were present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no Public Comment.

V. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the September 17, 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 September financials were received and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee discussed the following:

- The $750,000 budgeted transfer to cover waiver match was completed.
- The Administrative salary line was higher, due to a recent retirement.
- The recent Budget Commission meeting.
- Insurance carrier will remain unchanged with an 8% cost increase. Open enrollment will be later this month.

2. **Fiscal Report**

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending September 30, 2026, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. David Danhoff made a motion to approve the September Fiscal Report as submitted. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

3. **Budget Commission Meeting**

Carrie Beier reported that the Erie County Budget Commission met on 9/24/26 to discuss the ECBDD's request for the full 3.0 Mil Levy Collection for CY 2027. See Superintendent Report for more information.

4. **2027 Draft Budget**

Rachel Malone distributed the 2027 Draft Budget to Board Members (handout). A meeting with the Erie County Commissioners will take place on 11/5/26 to review our budget.

C. **Policy Committee Report:**

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

- Individual Supports Waiting List Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Behavior Support Strategies & the Human Rights Committee Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiting List Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Community Engagement Policy (reviewed and revised)

Mrs. Stacie Schmid made a motion to approve these policies as revised. Mrs. Pamela Hall seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **DD System Future Funding Update**

Carrie Beier shared handouts on waiver modernization and fiscal sustainability and a draft document submitted by Superintendents to DODD for legislative purposes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **OACB Annual Board Meeting Representative**

Carrie Beier reported that the annual OACB Conference will be held 11/11-11/13/26. If any Board Members are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Kelley.

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve that Carrie Beier serve as the Erie County Delegate Representative at the OACB Annual Board Meeting in November of 2026. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Carrie attended the following in-person/virtual/remote meetings, trainings, and activities: Superintendent SEC Executive Committee OACB meeting, Ohio Provider Resource Association Provider Friday Five virtual meetings, FCFC Executive Committee & Council meeting, Clearwater COG Board meeting, Region 1 Superintendent meeting, Synergy Conference, and OACB Week Ahead.

- **Media/Public Relations**:
  - OACB Early Insights- How Help Me Grow Helped Cecelia Blossom- 9/29/26 (attachment)

- **Personnel:**
  - Interviews were completed and an offer has been made to fill the PT Business & Finance Assistant position.

- **Erie County Budget Commission:** The Erie Co Board of DD met 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 requested the full 3.0 Mil levy collection for 2027 services, supports and program operations. See the attached formal request letter that was submitted to the commission at the meeting.

- **Erie County Commissioners:** We have submitted our draft 2027 Budget to the Erie County Commissioners and will be meeting to discuss the 2027 Budget between now and the end of December.

- **DODD:**
  Medicaid Reform: The Clearwater COG Board has submitted a proposal to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities proposing operational, programmatic and contractual deliverables for local Medicaid program administration reforms for the member county boards. The department has not yet formally responded to our proposal. We are staying in touch to address any questions the Ohio Dept of DD may have.

  National Core Indicators Survey
  The Ohio State University Nisonger Center is conducting interviews for the National Core Indicators (NCI) Adult In-Person Survey to better understand what support and resources people with developmental disabilities and their families need. From October 2026 through June 2027, trained interviewers will ask about work, services, relationships, community life, and more. This gives participants an opportunity to share what is going well and wat could improve.

- **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)

- **OACB Current/Ongoing Initiatives:**
  - **Fiscal sustainability and waiver administration reform** – OACB continued work on Funding the Future and potential waiver administration reforms, including fiscal modeling, state investment and relief strategies, service allocation management, and regional feedback on the direction of statewide discussions.
  - **Waiver modernization and interRAI implementation** – DODD indicated that implementation of new interRAI support levels, budgets, and rates will likely move beyond July 2027, while work continues on assessment completion, assessor productivity, service bands, acuity levels, and future rate approaches.
  - **Accreditation process changes** – OACB's Accreditation Working Group continued developing a revised scope and severity approach, with DODD agreeing to test the proposed matrix against past and upcoming accreditation reviews before the group reconvenes early next year.
  - **Early Intervention, children's services, and OhioRISE** – Discussions focused on EI quality, sustainability and workforce capacity, stronger coordination between county boards and OhioRISE Care Management Entities and proposed federal changes to Head Start requirements.

- **OACB Annual Conference**: Management staff will be attending as appropriate November 11th, 12th, and 13th.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to enter into executive session for **personnel matters**, to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official and 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. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. Roll call vote followed:

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

With all members in favor, the motion passed.

At 6:25 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

At 7:35 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session.

Mr. David Danhoff made a motion to approve the Director & Management Contracts for up to 3 years, effective January 1, 2027. This motion authorizes the Superintendent to execute these contracts on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed and the October Board meeting was adjourned.

Mary Peters 11-19-2024

Recording Secretary *Date*