# **Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **Annual Board Meeting**

# April 26, 2021

Place of Meeting:

Administrative Services Building

1154 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time:

6:00 P.M.

Member Present:

Mr. Rick Henzler, President, presided

Members Present via Virtual Zoom Meeting:

Mr. Bill Axe, Dr. Eileen Quinn, Mr. Nate Turner, Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, Mr. Ron Volk and Ms.

Linnie Willis

Members Absent:

N/A

# I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Rick Henzler, President, welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting.

## II. Board Business:

### A. Oath of Office:

As required by the Ohio Constitution, Board members took the oath of office, which was administered by Judge Jack Puffenberger of the Lucas County Probate Court. Judge Puffenberger thanked Board members for their service on the Board.

#### B. Call to Order:

Mr. Henzler, President, thanked Judge Puffenberger. He then called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

## C. Consent Agenda:

After roll call, Mr. Henzler made a <u>motion</u> to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 26, 2021 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Turner. <u>Motion carried unanimously</u>.

1. March 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – To approve the March 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

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2. Contract Voucher – R.W. – To approve Voucher for R.W. effective May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$29,136.00).

# III. Keynote Speaker: Barbara Sapharas, Independent Consultant

Ms. Lori Mariucci, Superintendent, introduced keynote speaker Ms. Barbara Sapharas, Independent Consultant working with the Nisonger Center to share information about "Charting the LifeCourse." Charting the LifeCourse was developed to support and empower people to have the good life they value.

In addition to highlighting the "Charting the LifeCourse process, Ms. Sapharas conveyed her message that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families need to be seen as valued members of the community and the importance of community partnerships.

## **IV.** Feature Presentations:

The Community Partnership Awards are presented to organizations, businesses and individuals in our community who partner with the Board to improve LIFE for individuals with developmental disabilities so they can reach their full potential. LIFE is the acronym for the Board's Core Values:

- L Living LIFE
- I Inclusion
- F Freedom of Choice
- E Everyone has worth

#### A. Community Partnership Awards

Mr. Lon Mitchell introduced the recipients of this year's Community Partnership Awards.

- 1. ProMedica
- 2. Shepherd Mechanical
- 3. TARTA/TARPS
- 4. Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
- 5. We Thrive Together

Most recipients were present on Zoom to accept their awards.

At this time, Superintendent Mariucci acknowledged a couple of special guests participating on Zoom and thanked them for their support: Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director Jeff Davis and Ohio State Representative Michael Sheehy. Both gentlemen thanked everyone for their efforts.

# B. Special Recognitions:

- 1. Self-Advocate of the Year Ms. Michele Myerholtz, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Self Advocate of the Year Award to Jordan Burriola.
- 2. Staff Person of the Year Superintendent Mariucci presented the 2020 Staff Person of the Year Award to Mr. John Priest, Specialized Support Consultant.
- Manager(s) of the Year Superintendent Mariucci presented the 2020 Manager(s) of the Year Award to Ms. Julienne Hardman, Provider Compliance Coordinator; and Mr. Jason McAllister, Service and Support Administration Coordinator.

# V. 2020 Memorial

Superintendent Mariucci reflected on 2020 and paid tribute to those across the nation who passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She then introduced a touching video which honored those individuals with developmental disabilities in Lucas County who passed away due to COVID.

# VI. Closing Remarks

Superintendent Mariucci highlighted priorities for 2021. She also thanked those present for their attendance.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Henzler thanked everyone for all of the extraordinary efforts and the sacrifices that they have made this year. He thanked Board staff, providers and all of the agencies (City, County and State) for the services provided to our individuals during COVID. Mr. Henzler also congratulated all award winners, community partners and Board staff.

# VII. Adjournment

Mr. Turner made a <u>motion</u> to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Volk. <u>Motion carried unanimously</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Mariucci, Superintendent

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Attest:

Linnie Willis, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Rick Henzler, President