

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

June 28, 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

Note: Preceding the Board meeting, the Board members participated in Board Member Training conducted by Superintendent, Lori Mariucci, titled "Strategic Plan Update Training."

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

Mr. Rick Henzler, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Following roll call, Mr. Henzler welcomed everyone. He then opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Kim Dunham, Chief Executive Officer of TARTA joined the meeting. TARTA 2021 is their initiative attempting to get the sales tax levy on the November ballot. She shared that significant progress was made during the Spring Legislative Session to have language included in HB74, the two-year Transportation Budget, to advance the efforts in Northwest Ohio to properly invest in its public transit system. More than 70 business, community and elected leaders rallied together in this effort.

Representative and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Derek Merrin, has now proposed an amendment which reverses the provision enacted in the Transportation Budget, HB74. Therefore, Ms. Dunham is requesting Board support in reaching out to Ohio Legislators to ask them to remove the amendment in the Senate version of the bill.

The consensus of the Board was to support TARTA in its efforts.

During the presentation of Special Recognition Awards, the Board recognized:

- A. Retiree Betsy Sutphin with 31 years of service. Ms. Sutphin was able to join the Zoom meeting.
- B. Dr. Lauren Czerniak from the Dental Center of Northwest with the June 2021 Special Recognition Award. Dr. Czerniak was able to join the Zoom meeting.

- C. Angela Amstutz and Penny Wilson from Lucas County Job and Family Services with the June 2021 Special Recognition Award. Ms. Wilson was able to join the Zoom meeting.
- D. Ms. Marti Buchholz, Speech/Language Pathologist, as the June 2021 Staff Person of the Month. Ms. Buchholz was able to join the Zoom meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Henzler thanked all of the special recognition award winners for all of the work they do for the individuals that we serve. Special recognition plaques will be forwarded to Special Recognition awardees.

II. Board Action Items:

A. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Henzler opened the floor to Board members and asked if there were any topics to be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Topics for Board Discussion section. Mr. Volk requested that topic II.A.9. Non-Medical Transportation Grants be removed from the Consent Agenda.

After hearing no additional topics be removed from the Consent Agenda, Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 28, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. May 24, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
To approve the May 24, 2021 Board minutes as submitted.
- 2. Correspondence:
To approve the following correspondence as submitted:
 - a) OACB COVID-19 Update Issue 113: Thursday, June 17, 2021
- 3. Limited Contracts
There are no limited contracts for renewal this month.
- 4. Service Contract:
 - a) St. Paul's Community Center – To approve an agreement with St. Paul's Community Center for Payeeship Services for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed Forty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Four Dollars (\$46,704.00).

5. Laptop Computer Bids

To reject the bids submitted by Connection Public Sector Solutions and CCB Technology, Inc.

6. Ethics Council Recommendations

To accept the Ethics Council recommendation as noted in its minutes of May 24, 2021.

7. Policy Amendments

To approve the amendments to Policy 3-6 Sick Leave Donation Program.

8. Document Scanning and Records Services RFP

To approve a contract with Starpoint, Inc. for a cost not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$147,000.00) for one year.

9. Non-Medical Transportation Grants

Topic moved from Consent Agenda and placed in Section II.B. Topics Requiring Board Discussion.

10. Ethics Council

To appoint Mr. Bill Axe, Dr. Eileen Quinn and Mr. Ron Volk to the 2021 Board Ethics Council.

A. Topics Requiring Board Discussion:

1. Finance Report

(Board Motion)

Mr. Richard Jackson, Director of Business Operations, highlighted the financials for May 2021.

After discussion, Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Financial Report for May 2021. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolutions and Vouchers

(Board Motion)

Payment schedule for May 2021 stands as submitted. Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the payment schedule for May 2021. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Non-Medical Transportation Grants **(Board Motion)**

Mr. Volk indicated that this sounds like a great program that is needed to support increased non-medical transportation (NMT). He asked what are our plans for future? He hopes this will help in the long-term. Ms. Mary Anne Burns, Legal Counsel, indicated that a committee has been working on this initiative and discussed this issue. This year is a pilot project. Will it really increase NMT? The County Board hopes it will assist with transportation needs. Therefore, it may lead to an annual grant similar to the summer assistance program grants that the County Board funds. We will have to wait and see.

After discussion, Mr. Turner made a motion to award grants as recommended in the attached Bid Tabulation for Non-Medical Transportation Grants at a total cost not to exceed Three Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$312,191.22). Seconded by Dr. Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Presentation:

There is no formal presentation tonight.

IV. Program Priorities and Goals Update:

A. Management Letter: Superintendent Mariucci highlighted the Management Letter for May 2021. Eight staff graduated from the Emerging Leaders program.

B. Statistics/Metrics: May 2021 figures were provided in the Metrics Report dated June 22, 2021.

C. Provider Community:

1. Preferred Properties, Inc.: The Executive Director report for May 2021 was provided by Ms. Cheryl Wilson.

Board requested Preferred Properties, Inc. provide presentation at a future Board meeting.

D. Supplemental Reports:

1. Family and Advocate Summary – A summary of the June 8th, 2021 Family and Advocate Forum held virtually at 7:00 p.m. was provided.

Lori commented that the Board meets with the Providers every other week with approximately 30 providers in attendance. The providers are in crisis right now and the County Board is here to support them.

2. MUI Unit Report – A status of May 2021 MUI unit activities were provided. There were 60 MUIs filed in May 2021.

V. Board Governance Matters:

- A. Board Member Comments/Questions/Assignments/Presentations: Board members expressed their support for Ms. Dunham’s comments at the beginning of the Board meeting. Superintendent Mariucci indicated we will prepare a letter from the Board to legislators supporting TARTA/TARPS efforts. Dr. Quinn indicated we need to get information out to our families as well so they have a voice.
- B. Legislative Update: A status of legislative activities was provided in a memorandum dated June 14, 2021 prepared by Ms. Mary Anne Burns, Legal Counsel. She highlighted the exemption for in-person meetings ends 7/1/2021. Therefore, the next Board meeting will be in-person.
- C. Future Service Contracts: Per request of the Board, service contracts will be submitted one month in advance for review. There are no contracts requiring Board review this month.
- D. COVID-19 Exceptions Log: The COVID-19 Exceptions Log identifies exceptions to Board policies during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. There have been no changes since last month’s report.
- E. Board Member Liaisons: Now that we have full Board membership, the Board Liaison assignments for 2021 were presented.

VI. Old Business

There were no issues to come before the Board under Old Business.

VII. Board Calendar of Events:

- A. Monday, July 5, 2021: Independence Day Holiday – Facilities Closed
- B. Monday, August 23, 2021: LCBDD Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m., Location - TBD

VIII. Executive Session:

Mr. Henzler made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation with the Attorney, Client Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal or State Law, Superintendent’s Evaluation and Employment of Public Official. Seconded by Mr. Turner. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Mr. Rick Henzler voted - yes

Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Nate Turner voted - yes
Ms. Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes

Motion by Mr. Henzler to return to regular session at 7:00 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Mr. Rick Henzler voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Nate Turner voted - yes
Ms. Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
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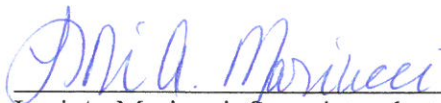
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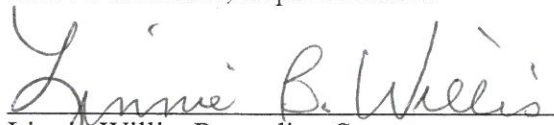
X. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Turner to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

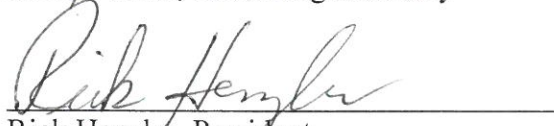
Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Mariucci, Superintendent

Attest: 

Linnie Willis, Recording Secretary

Approved by: 

Rick Henzler, President