

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

November 25, 2024

Place of Meeting: Larc Lane Center
1155 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Ron Volk, President, presided
Mr. Bill Axe, Ms. Megan DeSloover, Dr. Eileen
Quinn, Mr. Conor Smenner and Ms. Cheryl Tyler-
Folsom

Members Absent: Ms. Linnie Willis

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

Mr. Ron Volk, President, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Following roll call, the Board excused the absence of Ms. Linnie Willis. Mr. Volk then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

- A. Mahlique Keith with the Special Recognition Award for November 2024. Mr. Keith was in attendance to receive his award.
- B. Olga Melendrez, Data Analyst in the Children's Department, as the Staff Person of the Month for November 2024. Ms. Melendrez was in attendance to receive her award.

Mr. Volk thanked everyone for their hard work and then opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Anwar Christian addressed the Board.

Mr. Rob Watson, Special Olympics coach, also addressed the Board. Mr. Watson introduced Special Olympics coach Cole. The Special Olympic basketball teams are running out of spaces for practices and games. He would like to see the Board invest in a gym for the athletes and requests a sit down to discuss ideas. Superintendent Myerholtz indicated she would be glad to sit down and discuss their ideas.

II. Action Items:

- A. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Volk 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. There were no topics to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

After hearing no topics be removed from the Consent Agenda, Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated November 25, 2024 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. Motion carried unanimously.

1. October 28, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the October 28, 2024 Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

2. Correspondence:

- a) November 19, 2024 Correspondence to Mr. Stuart James, The Ability Center of Greater Toledo

3. Contracts:

There are no contracts requiring Board review and approval this month.

4. Ethics Council Recommendations

To accept the Ethics Council recommendation as noted in its minutes of October 28th, 2024.

5. Resolution for Nonfederal Share of Medicaid Expenditures

To adopt resolution specifying the amount of funds the Lucas County Board of DD will use in 2025 (\$23,196,000.00) to pay the nonfederal share of services as required by O.R.C. 5126.0511 (see attached).

6. 2025 Board Meeting Calendar

To approve the 2025 Board Meeting Calendar as proposed in the memorandum dated November 21, 2024.

7. Annual Plan Resolution

To approve the 2025 Annual Plan per ORC 5126.054.

8. 2025 OACB Membership Fees

To approve payment to the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) in the amount of Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$86,880.00) for calendar year 2025 Membership dues.

B. Topics Requiring Board Discussion:

1. Finance Report

(Board Motion)

Steve Tucker, Director of Finance, highlighted the financials for October 2024.

After discussion, Mr. Axe made a motion to approve the Financial Report for October 2024. Seconded by Mr. Smenner. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolutions and Vouchers **(Board Motion)**

Payment schedule for October 2024 stands as submitted. Ms. DeSloover made a motion to approve the payment schedule for October 2024. Seconded by Ms. Tyler-Folsom. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Presentation: Mr. Amr Elaskary, Senior Manager and Mr. Cody Mitchell, Audit Manager from Clark Schaefer Hackett highlighted the 2023 independent auditor's report and financial statements. There were no audit adjustments; the audit opinion is unmodified or "clean."

After discussion, Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to accept the Special-Purpose Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for the Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 as presented by Clark Schaefer Hackett firm. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Program Priorities and Goals Update:

A. Management Letter: Superintendent Myerholtz highlighted the October 2024 Management Letter. We celebrated Employee Appreciation Week the week of October 21st.

B. Statistics/Metrics: October 2024 figures were provided in the Metrics Report dated November 20, 2024.

C. Provider Community:

1. Preferred Properties, Inc.: The Executive Director report for October 2024 was provided by Ms. Cheryl Wilson.

D. Supplemental Reports:

1. MUI Unit Report: A status of October 2024 MUI unit activities was provided. There were 88 MUIs filed in October 2024.

V. Board Governance Matters:

A. Board Member Comments/Questions/Assignments/Presentations: There were no comments.

- B. **Legislative Update:** A status of legislative activities was provided in a memorandum dated November 2024 prepared by Mr. Brad King, Attorney.
- C. **Future Service Contracts:** Per request of the Board, service contracts will be submitted one month in advance for review. Board action on the contracts in this section will be presented to the Board for approval at the December 2024 Board meeting.
- D. **Nominating Committee:** Mr. Volk thanked Mr. Axe and Ms. Willis for volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Committee is in the process of polling Board members and will have their recommendations for the December Board meeting.
- E. **Board Member Status:** As indicated last month, The County Administrator's office was notified of the two reappointments and one upcoming vacancy. The two Board members have submitted their applications for reappointment to the County Commissioners' office. As for the upcoming vacancy, nominations were solicited through the publication of a legal notice in The Blade, Toledo Journal and LaPrensa. Interested applicants were directed to submit resumes to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners will be making the reappointments and appointment soon.

VI. Old Business

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

VII. Board Calendar of Events:

- A. **Thanksgiving Holiday - Facilities Closed:** Thurs, Nov 28 and Fri, Nov 29
- B. **Family and Advocate Forum/Public Hearing:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024
9:30 a.m. – Hybrid: LLC-Training Center and Virtual
- C. **LCBDD Board Meeting:** Monday, December 16, 2024
5:30 p.m. – LLC-Training Center

For current list of all Board activities: <https://lucasdd.org/upcoming-events>

VIII. Executive Session:

Mr. Volk made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation with the Attorney, Client Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal or State Law, Employee Compensation and Employment of a Public Employee. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes

Attest: Bill Axe
Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

Approved by: Ronald C. Volk
Ron C. Volk, President

Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Conor Smenner voted - yes
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes
Ms. Linnie Willis - absent

Motion by Mr. Volk to return to regular session at 6:59 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Conor Smenner voted - yes
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes
Ms. Linnie Willis - absent

IX. New Business:

A. Mr. Volk made the following motions:

Motion 1: To approve the proposed Management Salary Schedule. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 2: To approve a four percent (4%) general increase to each management employee's salary that is actively employed in or has accepted a management position upon Board approval of the motion. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. DeSloover made Motion 3: All Board Motions above that are approved are to be effective January 1, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Volk thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Smenner. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent

LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES RESOLUTION SPECIFYING
AMOUNT OF FUNDS IT WILL USE IN 2025
TO PAY THE NONFEDERAL SHARE OF
SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY O.R.C. 5126.0511

November 25, 2024

No. 24-_____

The following resolution was offered to the Board of Directors for adoption:

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 5126.0511 requires each county board of developmental disabilities that has Medicaid local administrative authority under division (A) of O.R.C. 5126.055 for home and community-based services to pay the nonfederal share of Medicaid expenditures for such services provided to an individual with an intellectual and/or developmental disability whom the county board determines is eligible for county board services unless the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is required to pay the nonfederal share;

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 5126.0511 requires each county board to adopt a resolution specifying the amount of funds it will use in the next year to pay the nonfederal share of the services that the county board is required by O.R.C.5126.0511 to pay; and

WHEREAS, the amount specified shall be adequate to assure that the services will be available in the county in a manner that conforms to all applicable state and federal laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board), that:


Section 1. The Board will use up to a total of Twenty-three Million, One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$23,196,000) in calendar year 2025 to pay for the nonfederal share of the services as required by O.R.C. 5126.0511.

Section 2. The payment of the nonfederal share represents an ongoing financial commitment of the Board.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

On the forgoing, Board Member Volk voted
Board Member Tyler-Folsom voted
Board Member Axe voted
Board Member DeSloover voted
Board Member Quinn voted
Board Member Smenner voted
Board Member Willis voted


Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent