

**Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

**September 23, 2024**

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

Time: 5:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: n/a

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

Mr. Ron Volk, President, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Following roll call, Mr. Volk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

- A. Javier's family with the Special Recognition Award for September 2024. Javier's family were in attendance to receive their award.
- B. Suzanne Osenbaugh, Community Connections Trainer, as the Staff Person of the Month for September 2024. Ms. Osenbaugh was in attendance to receive her award.

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

Ms. Trish Pasker, Service and Support Specialist, addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for their service. Ms. Pasker then expressed a few concerns regarding the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk and Treat Community Inclusive event that the Board is hosting in October citing health and safety, age appropriateness and using taxpayer dollars to purchase candy for the event. While it is too late for this year, she would like the Board to consider her concerns for future planning. She does not agree with the amount of money spent on candy for this event and would like to see this event become children only "18 years and younger."

Mr. Volk thanked Ms. Rudnicki-Pasker for sharing her concerns and comments. He shared that the Board felt that this is an opportunity for the Board to be good neighbors and create awareness in our community. He indicated that next year we should look into securing a provider for some candy donations and give them credit.

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. Superintendent Myerholtz requested that topic II.A.4. Policy Amendments be removed from the Consent Agenda and deferred to next month.

After hearing the above topic be removed from the Consent Agenda, Mr. Axe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated September 23, 2024 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Tyler-Folsom. Motion carried unanimously.

1. August 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

To approve the August 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

2. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence this month.

3. Contracts:

a) Leadership Development Training (Amendment) – To amend the contract for leadership development training for 2025 (through 12/31/2025) with In2Great at a cost not to exceed Eighty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$86,929.00).

4. Policy Amendments – Deferred to next month.

5. Inclusive and Accessible Community Playground – To approve a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) donation to support the Community Inclusive and Accessible Playground Initiative through Stranahan Parent Teacher Association of Sylvania.

6. Purchase of Computer Equipment Amended Motion – To rescind the August 26, 2024 motion to purchase Lenovo computers and authorize the Board to purchase the Lenovo equipment under Ohio State Contract 534411 at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-five Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$165,130.00).

B. Topics Requiring Board Discussion:

1. Finance Report

**(Board Motion)**

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

After discussion, Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2024. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Payment schedule for August 2024 stands as submitted. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the payment schedule for August 2024. Seconded by Mr. Smenner. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Presentation: There is no formal presentation scheduled this month.

IV. Program Priorities and Goals Update:

A. Management Letter: Superintendent Myerholtz highlighted the August 2024 Management Letter.

Dr. Quinn asked what Project STIR is? Mr. Tucker indicated STIR represents *Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility*. Superintendent Myerholtz indicated that it's a training program designed for individuals with developmental disabilities to build their self-advocacy abilities.

Ms. Willis asked what is the issue with finding affordable housing for our individuals and utilizing the Preferred Properties, Inc. vacancies noted in their report? Superintendent Myerholtz indicated that most of the openings in the Preferred Properties homes are due to individuals who do not want an additional roommate or in a couple circumstances can not have an additional roommate because of the severity of their needs. Currently, as long as the individuals remaining in the home can afford the full rent, then that individual has a choice of whom their roommate is. Sometimes it is more difficult to place someone else there because they don't necessarily want a roommate.

Ms. Cheryl Wilson, Executive Director of Preferred Properties, and Superintendent Myerholtz met last week to discuss a few things. Preferred Properties looks to potentially raise the rent to fair market value because the rent has not been raised in 30 years for our individuals. Preferred Properties will also make some other changes which will help us fill vacancies and ensure the homes are full. There are also some entities interested in potentially partnering with the County Board to assist with providing affordable housing to individuals we serve. We do not intend to contract with them as we do with Preferred Properties. This would be an additional opportunity to provide safe and affordable housing for our individuals.

Ms. Willis also mentioned we should have Preferred Properties tap into HUD subsidies for individuals with disabilities. Superintendent Myerholtz will follow-up with Ms. Wilson

B. Statistics/Metrics: August 2024 figures were provided in the Metrics Report dated September 19, 2024.

C. Provider Community:

1. Preferred Properties, Inc.: The Executive Director report for August 2024 was provided by Ms. Cheryl Wilson. Ms. Wilson was unable to attend tonight's meeting as they have HUD onsite conducting two Management Occupancy Reviews and property inspections.

D. Supplemental Reports:

1. Family and Advocate Forum Summary: A summary of the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Family and Advocate Forum held in-person at 9:30 a.m. at the Larc Lane Center was provided.

2. MUI Unit Report: A status of August 2024 MUI unit activities was provided. There were 73 MUIs filed in August 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 September 16, 2024 prepared and highlighted 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. There are no service contracts for Board review this month.

D. Board Planning Retreat (scheduling of): The Annual Board Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Larc Lane Center-Training Center.

VI. Old Business

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

VII. Board Calendar of Events:

- A. Board Strategic Planning Retreat: Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Larc Lane Center-Training Center
- B. LCBDD Board Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2024  
5:30 p.m. – Larc Lane Center-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 5:48 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation with the Attorney, Client Matters Required to be kept Confidential by Federal or State Law, and Employment of a Public Employee. Seconded by Mr. Smenner. 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 voted - yes

Motion by Mr. Axe to return to regular session at 6:49 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Ms. DeSloover. 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 voted – yes


IX. New Business:

There was no action taken from the Executive Session.

X. Adjournment:

Mr. Volk thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Ms. Tyler-Folsom made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent

Attest:

  
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Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Ron C. Volk, President