

## County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board

# MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2013  
5:00 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular monthly meeting** of the County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Summit DD administrative offices located at 89 East Howe Road, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278. The **work session** convened at 5:01 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Briggs, President  
Tom Quade, Vice President  
Jacqueline Cooper, Secretary  
Dave Dohnal  
Karen Arshinkoff  
Denise Ricks  
Meghan Wilkinson

### ALSO PRESENT

Thomas L. Armstrong, Superintendent	Bill Payne, Sr. Dir. of Board Svcs. & Spts.
Lisa Kamlowsky, Assist. Superintendent	Mira Pozna, Director of Fiscal
Jerilyn George, Senior Director of SSA and Medicaid Services	Billie Jo David, Director of Communications & Quality
Tom Jacobs, Dir. of Operations/SHDC	Jean Fish, Director of Adult Services- Facility-Based
Eldridge Black, Dir. of Transportation	Joe Eck, Director of Labor Relations
Lynn Sargi, Director of HR	Russ DuPlain, Director of Information Technology
Holly Brugh – Director of Children’s Services	Drew Williams, Director of SSA and others
Lindsay Bachman, Director of MUI	
Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary	

## I. AUTISM SOCIETY OF OHIO PRESENTATION

Laurie Cramer, Director, and Lisa Thompson of the Autism Society of Greater Akron presented an overview of the organization and its work in local communities. The Autism Society is the nation’s oldest and largest grass roots organization, founded in 1965 by parents. There are 107 affiliates with eight in Ohio. The greater Akron affiliate was established in the 1990’s and serves Summit, Medina, Portage, Wayne and Stark counties, with an Advisory Board that oversees its budget and local programs. In 2011, the organization changed from an all-volunteer organization to hiring one full-time Director.

## **WORK SESSION (continued)**

### **I. AUTISM SOCIETY OF OHIO PRESENTATION (continued)**

In 2012, a program/volunteer coordinator was hired and an office was opened in Fairlawn. The 200 active volunteers continue to play a vital role in implementing the mission of the organization. The Autism Society helps those living with Autism maximize their quality of life in a positive and measurable way. It provides support, services and guidance to those impacted by Autism. Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the country. The most recent findings by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate the rate of Autism is one in 88, with over two million individuals affected by Autism; 50,000 are in Ohio. Given the birth rate, another 50,000 individuals will receive an Autism diagnosis this year. More than \$60 billion dollars is spent annually and that amount is expected to double over the next decade. Early diagnosis and intervention is critical to improving the quality of life and saving dollars in the long term. The Autism Society holds monthly community outings to provide support and offer fun events for the whole family. A Parent Exchange Network was established so that parents could meet and exchange ideas, share information and listen to educational speakers. A professionally facilitated camp for individuals with Asperger's was started as well as an I Can Bike camp. The organization has an awareness and education campaign that donates books, videos, and other resource materials to 75 school districts each year. Akron's Autism 5K and Walk is the signature fundraising event, with approximately 2,250 people in attendance this year. Approximately 88% of funding goes directly to supporting programs. Mrs. Wilkinson stated she has friends who have attended the community events and they are impressive. She thanked Ms. Cramer and Ms. Thompson for providing these events to the community.

### **II. BRIDGES TO TRANSITION PROGRAM**

The Bridges to Transition Program breaks down barriers to employment through community work experiences and the development of community based vocational goals. The program is designed to create the path to community employment prior to graduation. The goal of the program is to increase services to youth with developmental disabilities by enhancing career exploration through collaboration with local school districts, students, families, employers and the county board of DD. Summit DD joined the Bridges to Transition Program in May 2011. Since that time, 64 students have participated in the program in Summit County. The request is for the Board to provide match funds not to exceed \$80,000 for Summit DD to continue to participate in the Bridges to Transition collaboration for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Project management is provided by the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB). During the fourth year of the program, match will provide services for up to 72 individuals. The \$80,000 in match should draw down \$295,000 in funding. Half of the match is due in November 2013 and the remaining amount is due in April 2014. There are a total of 39 counties participating in the program statewide. Mr. Payne explained that the program continues to grow and almost doubled last year. Mr. Quade asked how individuals are identified to participate in the program.

## **WORK SESSION (continued)**

### **II. BRIDGES TO TRANSITION PROGRAM (continued)**

Mr. Payne replied the Bridges to Transition Vocational Coordinator works with SSAs and school personnel to identify participants and referrals also occur via word of mouth. Funds are available in the budget and participation in the program, including the match amount, has been recommended for approval by the September Finance & Facilities and Services & Supports Committees.

### **III. SUMMIT COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL/SUMMIT COUNTY CLUSTER FOR YOUTH FUNDING AGREEMENT**

The purpose of the Summit County Family & Children First/Summit County Cluster for Youth Funding Agreement is to establish a shared pool for funding to the Family & Children First Council (FCFC) in support of services through Cluster, which provides services to multi-need children in Summit County. These services include but are not limited to: service coordination, placement, food, clothing, medical and psychological/psychiatric care. The Agreement allows Summit DD access to additional funding for services to children that otherwise Summit DD would sustain. Funds from this contract are used to pay for Cluster services, cost of two Cluster Coordinators and Cluster Cross Systems training. Summit County Health Department (SCHD) is the designated administrative/fiscal agent and generates the contract as well as provides accounting for funds held in the shared pool. January-August 2012 there were 65 children served, eleven with developmental disabilities. January-August 2013, 50 children have been served, 14 with developmental disabilities. The request is for the Board to continue to participate in the shared pool in the amount of \$100,000 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Children's Services Board participates \$120,000, Juvenile Court participates \$100,000 and Child Guidance & Family Solutions participate \$68,000. Shared pool contributions have remained the same for the past several years. The Agreement allows for agencies to amend the contract if other agencies do not sign agreements for the amounts identified. Funds are available in the budget and the Agreement has been recommended for approval by the September Finance & Facilities and Services & Supports Committees.

### **IV. AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

August Financial Statements reflect \$13.7 million dollars deficit spending with a fund balance of \$57.3 million dollars. Second half property tax settlement is still uncollected but should be coming in soon. Several variances include: \$309,300 receipt of January 2013 Medicaid Administrative Claiming, \$255,000 fourth quarter state fiscal year 2013 administrative fee, \$2,088,000 transferred to NEON for the 2008 Cost Report settlement of waiver match and \$54,000 roof repairs at the Southern Center. The August Financial Statements have been recommended for approval by the September Finance & Facilities and Services & Supports Committees.

The work session adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

## **BOARD MEETING**

The **regular monthly meeting** of the County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:29 p.m.

### I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Wilbraham introduced herself as the new Executive Director of Evant. She stated she believes she is a good fit at Evant and looks forward to collaborating with Summit DD. Mr. Armstrong commented that he had known Ms. Wilbraham for a long time and highly respects her professionalism. He welcomed her to Summit County.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. AUGUST 21, 2013 (work session and regular Board Meeting)

##### RESOLUTION No. 13-09-03

Mrs. Cooper moved that the Board approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 work session and regular Board , as presented in attachment #5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Quade.

Mr. Armstrong noted there is a typographical error in the minutes on page three in the July Financial Statements. The deficit spending is listed as \$3.4 million dollars and it should be \$8.4 million dollars. He stated this error will be corrected.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### B. SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 (special Board Meeting)

##### RESOLUTION No. 13-09-04

Mrs. Arshinkoff moved that the Board approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 special Board Meeting, as presented in attachment #6. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, was unanimously approved.

### III. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

#### A. FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

##### 1. AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### RESOLUTION No. 13-09-05

Mr. Quade moved that the Board approve the August Financial Statements, as presented in attachment #4. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson, was unanimously approved.

## **BOARD MEETING (continued)**

### IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### A. TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Armstrong advised that during the 2014 Summit DD budget presentation to the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) he presented the concept of the Transformational Change Committee, which will look at the organization from top to bottom in order to create inclusion opportunities for individuals with disabilities and noted that the Committee will be put together soon.

#### B. FUTURES PLANNING AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Director Martin asked stakeholder groups to review what systems should look like and make recommendations for changes, which is the dialogue that is about to begin in Summit County with the Transformational Change Committee. The same issues that Summit County is experiencing are occurring statewide. Mr. Quade advised that health departments around the state have gone through a similar process which produced a document called the Futures Report of Public Health. Stakeholder directors are in the process of implementing the recommendations. He noted it may be worthwhile to contact Gene Nixon at the Health Department to talk about the process. Mr. Armstrong replied that he would do so. Mr. Briggs asked when the Transformational Change Committee will be formed. Mr. Armstrong replied he hopes to have participants identified and recruited in October with the Committee starting by the end of the year.

#### C. SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB) 2014 SUMMIT DD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Armstrong advised that the 2014 Summit DD budget was presented to the SSAB this week and there were a few questions from the committee that he and staff are in the process of gathering information for answering. The budget will be presented to the full SSAB and then legislation will be drafted for it to be presented to County Council.

### V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Briggs noted that Jackie Cooper's term on the Board will expire at the end of the year. She will not be eligible for reappointed at this time since she has served three consecutive terms. A recommendation has been submitted to the County Executive to appoint Joseph P. Siegferth to fill the upcoming vacancy. Mr. Siegferth served on the Summit DD Board previously and is the former Superintendent of Hudson City Schools. Mr. Quade's term will also expire at the end of this year. He is eligible to be reappointed and would like to serve another term so his name has also been submitted for consideration to the County Executive. Mrs. Ricks is currently filling the unexpired term of former Board Member, Olivia Demas.

## **BOARD MEETING (continued)**

### V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (continued)

That term expires at the end of this year and Mrs. Ricks has indicated she would like to continue to serve. Her name has been submitted to the County Executive for consideration of a new term. Mr. Briggs commented he believes the current composition of the Board is one of the best representations of our community, with different perspectives, opinions and visions. He is proud to recommend Mr. Quade, Mrs. Ricks and Mr. Siegferth for reappointment.

### VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### RESOLUTION No. 13-09-06

Mr. Quade moved that the Board enter into Executive Session in compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G, Subsection (1) to consider the employment and compensation of a specific public employees. Upon reconvening, the Board may or may not conduct additional business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dohnal.

Roll call vote: Arshinkoff-yes; Quade-yes; Briggs-yes; Wilkinson-yes; Ricks-yes; Dohnal-yes and Cooper-yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

The regular session of the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
Jackie Cooper, Secretary