



MINUTES – combined work session and regular meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2022

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

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5:30 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Summit DD administrative offices located at 2355 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The **work session** convened at 5:30 p.m. Roll call: Jason Dodson, Allyson James, Dave Dohnal, Tami Gaugler, Gregg Cramer, and Denise Ricks.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Dohnal, Board President
Tami Gaugler, Board Vice President
Jason Dodson, Board Secretary
Denise Ricks
Allyson V. James
Gregg Cramer

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED

Meghan Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Kamlowsky, Superintendent	James Armstrong, Director of Legal Svs.
Holly Brugh, Director of SSA & EI	Joe Eck, Director of Labor Relations & Risk Management
Mira Pozna, Director of Fiscal Services	Russ DuPlain, Director of IT & Facilities
Drew Williams, Director of Community Supports & Development	Danyelle Conner, Director of HR
Billie Jo David, Director of Communications & Quality	Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary And Others

I. DODD/HOPE HOMES COMMUNITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

Hope Homes Foundation is a local non-profit housing development corporation that owns several homes in Summit County and the surrounding area and supports individuals with disabilities. Hope Homes recently applied for and was awarded Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Community Capital Assistance (CCA) funds to support the purchase of a home. The funding award allows Hope Homes to purchase a single-family home in Munroe Falls that will be occupied by four individuals who are currently living in another home owned by Hope Homes that no longer meets their needs. The four individuals along with their families and teams worked with Hope Homes to identify this new home and all parties agree with the purchase and the move. The request is for the Board to approve the distribution of DODD CCA funds in the amount of \$176,160 to Hope Homes Foundation. The request has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the September Finance & Facilities and Services and Supports Committees.

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WORK SESSION *(continued)*

II. AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August Revenue included second half tax settlement of \$23,742,200, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority annual settlement in the amount of \$29,800 for properties it owns, quarterly Title XX reimbursement of \$133,200 and incremental funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Keeping Families Together Grant. Expenditures for the month included quarterly Medicaid waiver match of \$6,083,400, quarterly Medicaid waiver administrative fee of \$443,900, payments of \$94,500 to providers participating in the Summit DD sponsored Summer Youth Work Experience Program, and grant awards of \$85,200 to agency providers to help alleviate high transportation costs. August ended in a positive position of \$15,442,980 and a fund balance of \$79,166,020. The August Financial Statements have been recommended for approval by the September Finance & Facilities Committee.

The work session adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:35 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Frank, a parent and former Summit DD staff, said she attended the ReelAbilities Film Festival held at Summit DD on August 26th. It was a very interesting event, with good attendance and it was well done. She hopes Summit DD will host the event again in the future. Ms. Frank also attended a Zane Foundation fundraiser recently and was glad to see Summit DD staff in attendance supporting that wonderful organization. Ms. Frank acknowledged and thanked Holly Brugh and her staff for their efforts working with a family whose loved one needed out of state placement. Ms. Frank stated she spoke with the family recently and they indicated how helpful and resourceful Ms. Brugh has been throughout this challenging process.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. AUGUST 25, 2022 (combined work session and regular meeting)

RESOLUTION No. 22-09-01

Mr. Dodson moved that the Board approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022 combined work session and regular meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cramer, was unanimously approved.

III. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. DODD/HOPE HOMES COMMUNITY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

RESOLUTION No. 22-09-02

Ms. James moved that the Board approve the distribution of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Community Capital Assistance funding in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$176,160.00) to Hope Homes Foundation. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Gaugler, was unanimously approved.

B. AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 22-09-03

Mrs. Gaugler moved that the Board approve the August Financial Statements. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Ricks, was unanimously approved.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kamlowsky thanked Pete Moore, President and CEO of Ohio Providers Resource Association (OPRA), for taking the time to come to Summit County and present the Board Member in-service this month. Mr. Moore has over 25 years of diverse experience dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities and the direct service professionals (DSP's) who support them. Earlier this evening Mr. Moore presented a very informative in-service to Board Members outlining the challenges faced by the provider community.

Superintendent Kamlowsky reported that system capacity conversations continue at the state level and regulatory proposals to increase Medicaid payment rates are being discussed. All county boards have been asked to review their capacity to contribute funding towards such rate increases.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

For the term of the public health emergency, the state has pushed additional federal dollars down to counties through the form of, among other things, reduced Medicaid match obligation. As part of the larger statewide capacity discussion, county boards are being asked to fund quarterly payments for home and community-based waiver services in an amount totaling 6.5% of paid claims. For Summit DD, payment at that amount would effectively return the additional federal funds received during the public health emergency in approximately two biennium budget periods. It is a widely discussed topic and the Superintendent advised she will continue to keep the Board apprised of how the conversations progress.

Last month Mr. Cramer asked about the Summit County businesses that participated in the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. The Superintendent provided that information to Mr. Cramer but thought the full Board may want to hear of the many businesses in the community that collaborated in this important program. Superintendent Kamlowsky thanked these partners and noted the following businesses provided either paid work experiences and/or career exploration opportunities:

- Ace Hardware
- Akron Art Museum
- Akron Canton Regional Food Bank
- Akron Metro Transit
- Akron Summit Library
- Akron Zoo
- Barnes & Noble
- Big Lots (Waterloo Rd)
- Bounce Innovation Hub
- Canal Park – Akron Rubber Ducks
- Cuyahoga Falls Parks & Recreation
- City of Stow
- Fairfield Inn (Stow)
- House of the Lord
- Loyal Oaks Golf Course
- One of a Kind Pet Rescue
- PetSmart
- Petitti's Garden Center
- Summa Health & Wellness Center
- Summit Mall
- Rocco's Pizza
- University of Akron
- WZIP/Z-TV

It was noted that the City of Cuyahoga Falls directly hires youth who work for them. Summit DD does not pay the wages for this worksite but does provide job supports.

The ability for boards to hold virtual meetings continues to be a topic of discussion and legislation around this issue is expected but has not yet materialized. Some county boards are struggling to maintain quorums and have expressed that a virtual option would be very beneficial. Superintendent Kamlowsky will keep the board informed if there are any changes to the current rule.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Dohnal thanked Mr. Moore for visiting Summit DD and providing the very informative in-service to Board Members tonight. Mr. Dohnal said that many years ago when he and his family were first introduced to the DD service delivery system it came with a great deal of stress and confrontation, which is now mostly gone. He credited OPRA as being a huge contributor in helping to change the landscape of the DD service delivery system. Mr. Dohnal thanked everyone for attending this evening.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Jason Dodson, Secretary