



MINUTES – Board/ELT Retreat
Monday, February 27, 2023

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

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5:00 p.m.

The Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board held a special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 1989 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Dohnal, President
Tami Gaugler, Vice President
Jason Dodson, Secretary
Meghan Wilkinson
Allyson V. James

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Denise Ricks
Gregg Cramer

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Kamlowsky, Superintendent
Drew Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Holly Brugh, Assistant Superintendent
Mira Pozna, Director of Fiscal
James Armstrong, Director of Legal
Services

Joe Eck, Director of Labor Relations &
Risk Management
Russ DuPlain, Director of IT & Facilities
Billie Jo David, Director of
Communications & Quality
Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary

I. LEVY PLANNING

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss funding strategies that best fit the community to serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for the next six-year levy cycle. Summit DD's current \$4.5 mill levy was passed by voters in November 2005 which means Summit DD has been operating on the same revenue for 18 years with renewals in 2011 and 2017. The number of people Summit DD serves has increased by 30% over that 18-year period. Summit DD currently serves about 5,000 people and estimates serving an additional 600 people by the end of the next levy cycle. Additionally, the Agency receives 3% less in property tax revenue today than what was generated in 2007. The decrease in revenue is due to depreciated home values during the housing crash in 2008 and the phase out of tangible personal property tax in 2009. Waiver growth has increased by 48% during that same period of time. There continues to be no waiting lists for services. County boards are mandated by law to provide certain services such as employing a superintendent and business manager, eligibility determinations, service coordination to all who are eligible, performing investigations to ensure health and safety and other MUI compliance activities.

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The largest mandated budget area is dedicated to paying the match for Medicaid funded services such as employment support, transportation, and residential support that enables individuals with developmental disabilities to live in the community.

Mandated services versus non-mandated services (also called essential services) were reviewed relative to how services would be impacted and what essential services may need to be reduced and/or eliminated without the appropriate level of funding. The group reviewed data contained in attachment #1 around enrollment trends, waivers, budget and funding issues concerning the DD system statewide, fund balance and the pros and cons of a renewal versus a replacement levy.

After much planning and deliberation, the discussion focused on seeking a replacement levy in November at the current 4.5 millage. This would raise revenue by approximately \$9.5m per year since the millage is applied to the current market value of property and would result in the least amount of financial stress on Summit County households while continuing to fund necessary services to eligible individuals for years to come.

Superintendent Kamlowsky commented she intends to finalize the levy budget and review it in March committees with first read passthrough request to the Board Members at the March 23rd Board Meeting. After Board approval, the budget goes on to the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) for approval and then to the County Executive and County Council, who ultimately are the authorities that will determine what ballot measure is put to the voters.

The special meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Jason Dodson, Secretary