

MINUTES – combined work session and regular meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

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5:30 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board was held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at the Summit DD administrative offices located at 2355 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The **work session** convened at 5:32 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Dodson, Board President
Allyson V. James, Board Secretary
Gregg Cramer, Board Secretary - *Excused*
Tami Gaugler
Denise Ricks
Randy Briggs
Stacy Youssef – *Excused*

ALSO PRESENT

Holly Brugh, Assistant Superintendent	James Armstrong, Director of Legal Svs.
Drew Williams, Assistant Superintendent	Laura Gleason, Director of HR
Mira Pozna, Director of Fiscal Services	Billie Jo David, Director of
Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary	Communications & Quality
	and others

I. 2026 SUMMIT DD BUDGET

Assistant Superintendent Holly Brugh explained there have been changes in two of the 2026 budget line items since the budget was discussed last month. Medicaid costs have been increased by \$1M as a result of the FY26 waiver match invoice coming in substantially higher than anticipated, and the direct contract services line item has been increased by \$1.2M due to several contract costs being higher than expected. Revenue remains flat. The 2026 budget request is in the amount of \$93,297,021 for the operating fund, \$9,659,347 for the Medicaid reserve fund, \$1,929,257 for the permanent improvement fund and \$78,943 for the gifts and donations fund. The 2026 budget projects a \$14.9M deficit and \$33M fund balance at the end of 2026.

Mr. Dodson mentioned he has been in contact with the County Executive's office and there is recognition that the budget is not sustainable, driven by factors beyond the Board's control. He stated that most, if not all, Ohio county boards of DD are in similar positions and all 88 counties are collectively in deficit positions. Staff will need to continue to work through budget issues over the next year. The 2026 budget has been recommended for approval by the July Services & Supports Committee and the July and August Finance & Facilities Committees.

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WORK SESSION *(continued)*

II. 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) estimates waiver match obligation based on service authorizations as of the state fiscal year ending June 30th. These estimates are billed to Summit DD quarterly through the state fiscal year 2025. Throughout fiscal year 2025 service costs for individuals on waivers have increased significantly. These increases were driven by greater individual needs and rate increases which were much higher than anticipated. Because of these factors additional appropriation is necessary to pay the final quarterly waiver match invoice and administrative fees. The request is for Board approval of an additional \$4,641,702 in the 2025 Medicaid Costs line item. The 2025 budget appropriation request has been recommended for approval by the August Finance & Facilities Committee.

III. JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue in July included receipt of \$10,000 for the Keeping Families Together state grant for crisis intervention training. Expenditures in July included \$476,600 payment to DODD for quarterly Medicaid waiver administrative fees; \$9,748,200 for quarterly Medicaid waiver match; and \$6,541,500 for annual supplemental waiver match. Ms. Pozna noted the waiver match invoice increased by \$1.4M in one quarter. There were also direct contract services payments of \$140,200 for costs associated with the Summit DD Summer Work Program and payment of \$27,200 for Special Olympics events and administrative expenses. July ended in a deficit position of \$15,756,060 with a fund balance of \$35,116,544. The July financial statements have been recommended for approval by the August Finance & Facilities Committee.

The work session adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:40 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Briggs - Present	Mrs. Ricks - Present
Mr. Dodson - Present	Mr. Cramer – <i>Excused</i>
Ms. James - Present	Mrs. Youssef – <i>Excused</i>
Mrs. Gaugler - Present	

II. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. 2026 SUMMIT DD BUDGET

R E S O L U T I O N **No. 25-08-01**

Resolved that the Board approve the Summit DD budget for calendar year 2026 in the amount of Ninety Three Million Two Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Twenty One Dollars (\$93,297,021) for the Operating Fund, Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$78,943) for the Gifts and Donations Fund, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$1,929,257) for the Permanent Improvement Fund, Nine Million Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$9,659,347) for the Medicaid Reserve Fund, and authorize positions of employment, as indicated in the 2026 HR/LR Staffing Report.

Be it further resolved that the Board approve up to Forty Five Million Six Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$45,610,000) of the 2026 budget to pay the non-federal share of Medicaid expenditures for services under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5126.059 and 5126.0510. The Board acknowledges that payment of the non-federal share represents an ongoing financial commitment of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board. Mrs. Ricks made the motion and Mr. Briggs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

R E S O L U T I O N **No. 25-08-02**

Resolved that the Board approve an additional budget request in the amount of Four Million Six Hundred Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,641,702), which is necessary to pay final Medicaid invoices for 2025. Mrs. Gaugler made the motion and Ms. James seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

II. BOARD ACTION ITEMS *(continued)*

C. JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 25-08-03

Resolved that the Board approve the July financial statements. Mrs. Ricks made the motion and Mr. Briggs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Holly Brugh mentioned the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD (OACB) hosted a Policy & Budget Symposium on August 6th which she attended along with Superintendent Kamlowsky, Assistant Superintendent Drew Williams and Director of Fiscal Services Mira Pozna. Speakers discussed the current state and federal budget updates in the morning, and the afternoon was spent talking about several key themes identified by the short-term sustainability workgroup that OACB organized. The workgroup focused on identifying statewide issues that impact the long-term fiscal sustainability of county boards. Summit DD was fortunate to have Mira Pozna participate in this statewide workgroup. Some of the themes identified by the workgroup included: local property tax vulnerability, federal match uncertainties, escalating waiver costs, and the immense cost associated with serving youth and adults with complex needs. Summit DD is experiencing the effects of all of these themes, and it was clear that the financial impact in Summit County is being felt across the state. Next steps include additional conversation relative to how county boards can work collectively to address these areas of concern.

DODD is implementing a new state-wide assessment tool that will be used to evaluate the skills and abilities of the people county boards support. This new tool, the IntraRAI, will replace the outdated tool currently being used across the state. The IntraRAI requires specific training for assessors to administer unlike the current assessment tool. The goal is to limit the number of people in Ohio who are qualified to administer the tool so there is more consistency. DODD will be hosting a series of virtual meetings for individuals, families, providers and SSAs. Training is scheduled to begin in November with administration of the new assessment tool to a focus group early next year. The new tool should more accurately reflect the services people need while also ensuring waiver budgets align with those needs.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

III. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

The annual Support Summit DD Golf Outing took place on August 7th at Raintree Golf & Event Center with 107 golfers participating, which added three additional golfers over last year. Approximately \$26,000 in profit has been collected so far with another \$4,000 anticipated. The outing was relocated to Raintree Golf Course this year so that \$12,000 savings could be realized. Many of the participants provided positive feedback about the change in location. Assistant Superintendent Brugh thanked the Board Members who were able to attend and also the people who spent many hours volunteering to make this event successful.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Dodson thanked the individuals interested in filling the upcoming board member vacancy for their interest in serving on the board and for attending tonight. He encouraged anyone who has additional questions to reach out to any of the Board Members to talk further about serving on the Board.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Gregg Cramer, Secretary