FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

December 9, 2020

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

TEAMS

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Board Members present: Mitchell Kirby, Larry Mayer, David Sanders, Janelle Mead and Cody Kirkpatrick. Absent: Alice Craig, Mark Heiny

Others present were Debra Buccilla, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Administrative Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Elizabeth Brennfleck, HR Director, Renee Guess, SSA Director and Larry Gray, Operations Director

**ROLL CALL**: Mitchell Kirby, present; David Sanders, present; Janelle Mead, present; Larry Mayer, present; Cody Kirkpatrick, present.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Just a reminder that tonight is both Janelle Mead and Alice Craig’s last meeting having their terms expire at the end of this year. We would like to express our gratitude for their service and just say we will miss them in 2021. We have a small token of appreciation that will be delivered to their homes. (Clock was shown to the board on Teams)

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**The minutes of the November 18, 2020** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Janelle Mead, seconded by Cody Kirkpatrick All yea: motion carried.

**Roll Call**: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Larry Mayer, yea; David Sanders, yea; Janelle Mead, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick, yea

**New Vendors: Zoho Corporation, DWD Technology Group**

A motion was made by Janelle Mead to approve the vendors as presented, seconded by Cody Kirkptrick. All yea: motion carried.

**Roll Call**: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Larry Mayer, yea; David Sanders, yea; Janelle Mead, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick, yea

**Transfers and Advances:**

None

**Monthly expenditures for December 2020** were reviewed and approved in a motion by Mitchell Kirby, seconded, Janelle Mead. Roll Call. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call**: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Larry Mayer, yea; David Sanders, yea; Janelle Mead, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick, yea

**Superintendent’s Report:**

We currently have 3 individuals being served with COVID. One was hospitalized briefly but is now back home. The other two are home with few or mild symptoms currently.

There is grave concern around the state about providers being able to sustain services at the required levels. The County Boards along with DODD infused money into their systems several months back in an effort to help them. DODD created a formula based upon waiver costs and Fayette’s share was approximately $11,000. Work has begun on another round with the amounts yet to be determined. Making matters a bit more challenging, The Ohio Health Care Association has made a public records request of DODD to review County Board finances, specifically the savings earned due to the reduction in costs of waiver services during the pandemic. Fayette is not experiencing the issue that many of the larger counties are faced with for which we are grateful. As County Boards work with OACB and DODD for the next round, many counties are doing some creative things to get both recognition and money out to providers now.

**Update on Providers – Renee Guess, SSA Director**

With providers testing positive, we have had a few with home health nurses, a few cases with our 2 largest agency DD providers, but no cases with the other 2 agency providers or with Independent Providers.

Overall, people receiving services are doing with the pandemic changes. Providers are in a good place with staff availability and report good staff morale.

We continue to reach out to people served, families and providers on a weekly basis. We have offered to assist with running errands if needed like picking up meds, groceries – which we had a family today call an SSA to pick up medications for them because they were quarantined. We’ve also had to go out to a home to fill in for a gap in services for provider.

Thanks to Larry and the IT Dept. we have laptops and an IPAD available for people to use for telehealth appts., team meetings, communicating with family and friends, right from their home, making it easier, safer and reducing the need for extra staffing to make these things happen.

We are all pulling together to get through this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Board Vacancies – Debra Buccilla**

I have shared with the Commissioners that both Nic Miller and Ben Snodgrass are willing to discuss joining our Board in 2021. Hopefully, both will be appointed to fill the vacancies, with Janelle and Alice leaving the Board.

**Fayette 2020 Strategic Plan – Debra Buccilla**

As you may recall, we developed a 3 year plan with the last year of this plan being 2020. We feel we have literally lost this past year due to the pandemic and would like to extend the current plan for 2 more years. When the plan was designed it could be either a 3 or 5 year plan so we would like to continue work on it for the longer period.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Record Retention Schedule – Liz Brennfleck**

The Fayette Record Retention Schedule is within the guidelines of the Ohio Historical Society for all documents.

Janelle Mead made a motion to approve the Record Retention Schedule as presented, seconded by David Sanders. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call**: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Larry Mayer, yea; David Sanders, yea; Janelle Mead, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick, yea

**2021 Fayette Board Meeting Calendar – Debra Buccilla**

It was decided to table the 2021 Fayette Board Meeting Calendar until the January meeting so the new board members could have a say on time and dates.

**FPI Lease Agreement – Debra Buccilla**

We would like to renew the FPI Lease Agreement for 2021 with no changes.

Janelle Mead made a motion to approve the FPI Lease Agreement for 2021, seconded by David Sanders. All yea. Motion carried.

**Roll Call**: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Larry Mayer, yea; David Sanders, yea; Janelle Mead, yea; Cody Kirkpatrick, yea

**Transition Youth Program – Debra Buccilla**

The article in the newspaper explained that the FCBDD has offered a new program to High School Students with Disabilities which will help with job exploration, work based learning, instruction in Self-Advocacy, Counseling on Postsecondary Opportunities and Workplace Readiness. We are trying to recruit anyway we can as referrals from the school have been slow.

**CARES Act Reimbursement Request- Debra Buccilla**

Commissioners sought out unused funds in the county in order to fund our second request. We cannot express our thanks enough to the Commissioners, City of Washington CH, and the Concord Township who returned unused funds to the county enabling our request to be met. I have personally contacted Joe Denen and Bridget Sollars to express appreciation.

**Executive Session - NA**

Larry Mayer, President adjourned the Fayette Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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Larry Mayer, President Alice Craig, Secretary