FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

APRIL 13, 2022

5:30 PM BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Economic Building

The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in the Economic Building (old BMV).

Board Members present: Mitchell Kirby, Constance Enochs, Betty Hoppes, Benjamin Snodgrass, Nicholas Miller and David Sanders. Absent: Mark Heiny

Others present were Debra Buccilla, Superintendent, Sherry Burns, Ex. Admin. Assistant, Lori Moore, Business Director, Bret Malone, Education Director, Suzie Janasov, Early Childhood Director, Renee Guess, SSA Director.

**ROLL CALL: Mitchell Kirby, present; Constance Enochs present; Benjamin Snodgrass, present; Nicholas Miller, present; Mark Heiny, absent; Betty Hoppes, present, David Sanders, present**.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**The minutes of the March 9, 2022** Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and approved in a motion by Mitchell Kirby, seconded by Nicholas Miller. Roll Call. All Yea. Motion Carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Constance Enochs, yea; Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Nicholas Miller, yea; David Sanders, yea.**

**Transfers and Advances: None**

**Monthly expenditures for April 2022** were reviewed and approved in a motion by Benjamin Snodgrass, seconded, Nicholas Miller. Roll Call. All yea, motion carried.

**Roll Call: Mitchell Kirby, yea; Constance Enochs, yea; Benjamin Snodgrass, yea, Nicholas Miller, yea; David Sanders, yea**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Strategic Plan 4th Quarter Update – Debra Buccilla**

We extended the previous plan from a 3 year to the 5 year plan as we lost so much time due to the pandemic. Goal #4, in public, person to person took a shift to accommodate a remote model of work for us and others however, we were still able to actively work on this goal. A few highlights include assuring our “branding” was initiated across all written formats, enhanced technology to assist with communication and greater attention to our social media platforms.

**DSP Wage Increase Update – Debra Buccilla**

We have been discussing this off and on for several months now. Just last week, the Superintendents group voted to support the 6.5% that we discussed in last month’s meeting. The next step is to present this option to the provider association as well as the state Medicaid department in order to get buy in before submittal to CMS.

**Levy Discussion – Debra Buccilla/Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met this past week to review the preliminary budget for 2023 and the 5 year projection submitted to DODD April 1st. We have a very strong financial position which will afford us the opportunity to renew the upcoming levy vs. ask taxpayers for an increase. We have worked very hard to get to this point and we are now able to refocus on our Capital plan, begin looking at our buildings, as well as to incorporate a staff increase for the 2023 budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Autism Project – Suzie Janasov**

After working on an Autism Project for a decade, we have finally secured a partnership with OCALI State Organization and Dr. Fitton as agreed to be our Medical Partner. We have also completed ADOS training at Vanderbilt University for our team and we should be starting our program soon. Autism can be diagnosed by 18-24 months, but it is not usually diagnosed until 4-5 year.

We already have 10 kids in Fayette which have been identified, and we are hiring a new provider that will coordinate this project. This will be a huge benefit to families and children since it is usually a 6-12 month wait to be able to get in programs at Children’s Hospitals.

**DSP Crisis Update- Renee Guess**

The DSP shortage continues and is at a level that agency providers are reporting they cannot sustain. We are looking at ways services can be delivered in other ways, including sharing a staff with more people, a few people are moving homes, and finding natural supports and community resources to assist. With the Lincoln home soon to be sold, people are moving to other homes where there is already staffing, and with the Hickory Lane home opening soon this will allow existing staff to serve more people. SSAs have had to fill in gaps when no staff has been available, along with people have had to go to another “group” home for the day to have staff. We have meetings scheduled with our agency providers to see what they need from the county board for hiring and retaining staff.

**Starting Gate/Rock-A-Bye Update – Debra Buccilla**

The new provider for the daycare has given us a notice that they will exit the building as of June 1st. They will be moving the service elsewhere in the county thus freeing up this additional space for our use. Over the next few months, I will be meeting with our team to begin planning.

**Director Kim Hauck visit- Debra Buccilla**

Dr. Kim Hauck was appointed as director of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in January 2022 by Ohio Governor Mike Dewine. Throughout her career, she has been as advocate for Ohioans with Developmental Disablities and their families. Her goal is to visit every county in Ohio

Highland will be hosting Dr. Hauck on Monday, April 18 and Fayette staff will be attending the meetings.

**Upcoming Capital Expenditures- Bret Malone**

Currently we have three buses that we would like to sell on govdeals.com. We are also looking at purchasing a mini bus with approximate cost of $66,000.

We are starting to work on the Capital Improvement plan and will be bringing quotes to the May board meeting for the replacement of HVCAC units at the Caryl Center and Starting Gate.

 **Preschool Update- Debra Buccilla/Bret Malone**

Last month we mentioned the difficulty we were having in the preschool. We hopefully have found a solution to the issue. We will be utilizing a teacher from Highland to serve in the capacity of an itinerant teacher to provide the intervention specialist service as specified in the IEP. We have approximately 10 children to cover, so this service can be incorporated in her duties which include maintaining the same for her current students in Highland. This position hopefully will help us in the upcoming school year to fill a void if a similar situation were to occur in the future.

David Sanders, FCBDD President adjourned the Fayette County Board of DD Board Meeting at 6:28 pm.

Prepared by: Sherry Burns, Ex. Administrative Assistant

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David Sanders, President Benjamin Snodgrass, Secretary