

**THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 17, 2020

Community Connections Center, 600 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. President Sally Francis called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Theresa Moore	X			
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell		X	X	
Tara Layne	X			
Shirley Thompson	X			
Ken Yuchasz	X			
Sally Francis	X			

Others in attendance: David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Cindy Aiello, Ron Spung, Jessica Stroup, Caley Boyden, Shelly Lackey

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 2020-08-01

Theresa Moore moved to approve the August regular Board meeting agenda and any additions as submitted. Shirley Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion: A hand-out motion was given to all Board members either in person or via e-mail.

Motion passed by majority vote.

**IV.
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Res. 2020-08-02

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 PCBDD regular Board meeting, as presented. Sally Francis seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion passed by majority vote.

V. BOARD REPORTS:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DAVID COUCH -Verbal Report

David's report was included in the packet. David reminded the Board that at the conclusion of the October and November Board meetings that there will be an approximate one-hour training to satisfy member's training requirements. If you can not attend you will be able to access it virtually or we can e-mail it to you to complete. Jenny's reports were all included in the packet. An additional handout from the DODD was given/e-mailed to Board members with Ohio DD totals and information. The new building is moving right along. The brick is all on the outside, windows are in and the inside framework is completed. Electrical and plumbing is beginning and will take a few weeks to complete. In David's packet was a page with Sarah Winter's information on it. David shared that he would like to name the new building after her. Although our building will be completed this fall, Sarah lives in Florida and would not be able to attend anything type of gathering until Spring. Ken asked if she had any other family, David shared a sister, but he does not know how to get a hold of her, but he would check into it. If anyone has any stories they would like to share about Sarah please give them to him. David shared with the Board that he has requested a quote from contractors to extend paving beyond our parking lot to tie in with the CCC. He would like for it to be all smooth for people needing access to both buildings and for summer camp. He shared that he received verbal approval since the area in question is not a city street/ally as it is designated as a County road/ally. Rachel feels that would be nice to have a smooth transition between buildings and for summer camp. David shared that our plan is now to transition from COVID working from home to the new building. He let Board members know that staff still go to buildings (staggering their arrival times), but he does not intend for us to fully move back into buildings. The nature-based therapy is still in the works. He is hoping to have something to the Board at the September meeting.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CINDY AIELLO

Cindy's report was included in the packet. Cindy shared that Summer Camp wrapped up and was a success. Although it was shortened and very different it worked well. A lot was learned by staff and they are looking into the smaller groups for next year. Theresa shared that Transit did a great job this year compared to last year and having a camp staffer on the bus was a huge help. David shared that Transit asked for more training and it worked out great. Rachel echoed Theresa with how well Transit did this year. Rachel also shared that the smaller groups worked well for parents and campers. She also shared that it was the highlight of the summer and everyone was very happy that they got to have camp. Cindy shared a story about a Transit driver and Cass B. (a camp staff worker). Something was said and Cass shared with Ashley. The Transit driver gave Cass an apology and it was sincere. It was nice to see people come together during these trying times and show compassion, forgiveness and acknowledge their own mistakes.

C. SSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RON SPUNG

Ron's report was included in the packet. The story that was shared in Ron's report was moving. It is good to hear that our SSA's take such an interest in the individuals on their caseloads. Ron shared that Lindsey's special interest really helped the young man go out on his own and really excel. He is very settled now, and he finally realized that if he works with us and not against us things go really well! David and Ron both shared their gratitude for the ELKS and all their support of the Perry County Board of DD. They always seem to be there when we are in need of something for an individual.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - JESSICA STROUP

Jessica's report was included in the packet. Jessica shared that after approval of the TO on tonight's agenda that her department will have officially expanded. She is excited for this new adventure. Our remote workforce has worked well for us, the initial framework for the policy has been developed and will follow in future months.

E. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. Sally noted that with schools and the restrictions that the team has had to have been busy. Shelly shared that lots of things have been happening remotely. ALA is getting the schedule ready for the school year to begin. Sally asked what Boundless was. Shelly shared that they are out of Columbus and they provide respite support. They are not paid through the Board like our respite providers are. David shared that they used to be an arm of the Franklin County Board of DD but had to break off and go private. Rachel shared that she is excited about the Supportive Decision Making and is excited to see where we go with it.

F. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CALEY BOYDEN – *Verbal Report*

Caley's reports were included in the packet. Caley shared that it has been a quiet month again. We received a Medicaid settlement of over \$13,000 due to COVID. Spending is lower than normal. Community services paid the quarterly waiver administration fees and the annual Hopewell Health contract for Early Intervention. No activity in the Capital Improvement Funds. Help Me Grow is well above their normal with the help of Home Visiting family retention funds they have received from COVID. These are being reimbursed at 100%. No activity in the Reserve Funds.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2020-08-03

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Ken Yuchasz seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2020-08-04

Theresa Moore moved to approve to repay the Perry County Commissioners the remaining amount of \$62,500 in 2020 for the purchase of the Community Connections Center. Rachel Barnhart seconded the motion.

Discussion: David shared we are in a good financial position to make this final payment and move forward with discussions on them deeding us the property. Theresa shared that they are getting other good buildings in return.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Res. 2020-08-05

Rachel Barnhart moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement between Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Perry County Transit for transportation services, when/if received, provided the agreement contains no significant changes from previous agreements. Sally Francis seconded the motion.

Discussion: David shared that he has seen the agreement and there are no significant changes. The rate times have increased slightly but Caley shared that will always happen as it is based on actual cost.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Res. 2020-08-06

Theresa Moore moved to approve the revisions to the Table of Organization, effective August 17, 2020, as presented. Shirley Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Theresa Moore questioned the Community Supports Coordinator position as being needed with not knowing if the nature-based therapy was going to happen. Shelly shared that this position would have many other duties including, facilitating ALA in the schools, Pioneering Possibilities, financial planning for community activities and Supported Decision-Making opportunities with families.

Motion passed by majority vote.

ADD ON MOTION

Res. 2020-08-07

Theresa Moore moved to approve the participation in DODD's COVID-19 relief funding for residential providers in the amount of \$10,431 via Medicaid waiver funding. Shirley Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion: David shared this just came about late Friday. They are going to be able to push out over \$74 million to residential providers with County Boards help. This will be a great boost to our local residential providers.

Motion passed by majority vote.

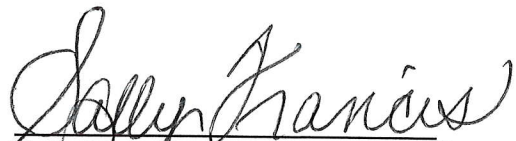

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY: Rachel Barnhart

TIME ADJOURNED: 5:44 pm

Submitted by: Chrissy Berkheimer
Executive Assistant


Sally Francis – Board President

Rachel Barnhart – Board Secretary