

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

October 18, 2021

Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. Vice-President Kevin Howell called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke		X	X	
Matt Sheridan	X			
Shauna Schacht	X			
Sally Francis		X	X	
Karen Chennells	X			

Others in attendance for meeting: David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Caley Boyden, Ron Spung, Cindy Aiello, Jessica Stroup, Shelly Lackey and Malia Dunn (virtual).

III.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 2021-10-01

Matt Sheridan moved to approve the October regular board meeting agenda and additions as submitted. Rachel Barnhart seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 2021-10-02

Matt Sheridan moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021, PCBDD regular board meeting, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Rachel Barnhart & Shauna Schacht abstained)

IV. BOARD REPORTS:

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

David's report was included in the packet. David reminded everyone that Caley would be presenting the last Board member training of 2021 on the Financial Operations of the Board at the conclusion of the meeting this evening. The OACB convention is scheduled for December and as of right now is in-person. The Board will select a delegate to participate on behalf of the Board at tonight's meeting. The last 2021 Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th at Dodson's Gathering Place (pending Board approval tonight). We will host an appreciation dinner for Board members to thank them for their continued service and support of the PCBDD. Jenny's MUI reports were included in the packet as was the state's COVID report. If anyone has any questions please feel free to get with David after the meeting. Not much news on the CCC remodel update. David shared that we are looking at a design-build option rather than the traditional build option. This build-as-you-go approach saves time. The main goal is to have the renovations completely before summer camp in 2022 or they will have to wait until Fall of 2022 when summer camp is finished. Providers are still struggling with staffing issues. It is an ongoing issue across the state. The state budget allows for a 4% increase in payments to providers, with the intention that it will go towards DSP wages. With that being said, trying to hire a DSP at \$12.00/hour and then giving them 4% (\$12.48 – a .48 increase) is tough when McDonalds is hiring at \$15.00/hour. We are continuing to listen to and support our local providers the best way we can. Kevin questioned if training was an issue and David shared it isn't the training part it is the having the staff to train or having the time to train the little number of staff they have. Karen shared that with minimum training more MUIs will occur, and Jessica shared that Jenny goes out to providers to train. She is also training providers in prevention planning. We make it as easy as possible for providers to get their training. David shared that Mt. Al has already downsized by shutting down one unit. They are constantly working on their staffing levels. David is worried if people are looking for a long-term solution, not just a temporary one.

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

Cindy's report was included in the packet. Cindy shared the hunt is still on for an Employment Navigator. We had over 40 applicants on Indeed, narrowed it down to 17, sent out the follow-up questions and only had five returned.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RON SPUNG

Ron's report was included in the packet. Ron shared that he loves sharing the good stories from SSAs.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. Shelly shared that we were chosen to present at the Synergy conference in Sandusky. Morgan had everyone participate in an activity by having everyone in a circle and connecting strands of Christmas lights together with the hope that everyone would understand that it only takes one person to start the change. Shelly shared that story of David was so inspiring that she wanted to make sure she shared it with the Board.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR’S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

Jessica’s report was included in the packet. Jessica asked if anyone had questions about the Strat Plan annual report that was sent out after the September meeting. No questions were asked.

F. FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – CALEY BOYDEN - Verbal Report

Caley’s reports were all included in the packet. Second half rollbacks were received for the local levies. This was the last of the revenues from the levies this year. TANF-Camp were received in June, July and after completion of her report August has been received. Caley shared that in the equipment expenditures line that our computers are on a rolling, replacement schedule. We did purchase a new replacement computer and a computer for the new SSA position. Capital Improvements Fund expenditures shows the payments to Kelly Architectural for the CCC renovation designs and the pass-through check for the DODD Options for Supported Housing house that was purchased. No questions on expenditures.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2021-10-03

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the expenditures, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2021-10-04

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the following delegates to the 2021 OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards) Delegate Assembly on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, (time TBA) virtual or located in Columbus, Ohio.

Discussion: Shauna Schacht – Delegate, no alternate selected. The alternate nominee will be a motion on the November Board meeting agenda.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2021-10-05

Karen Chennells moved to approve the change in location for the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular November board meeting to Dodson's Gathering Place, 323 West Broadway Street, New Lexington, Ohio. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: We will host a Board appreciation dinner for Board members and while enjoying dinner department Directors will share the happenings of 2021.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2021-10-06

Rachel Barnhart moved to transfer an additional \$500,000 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund in calendar year 2021. Matt Sheridan seconded the motion.

Discussion: In anticipation of the CCC renovation, this transfer will prepare us to cover the costs of the architect and renovation. The timing of the transfer will also reduce carryover in the Operating Fund prior to the end of the year.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2021-10-07

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve revisions to policy #506 Holidays, as presented. Shauna Schacht seconded the motion.

Discussion: This policy was revised due to changes in Ohio Revised Code 124.19 that added an additional federal and state holiday, making a total of 11 national holidays.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Rachel Barnhart Seconded by: Karen Chennells
Time Adjourned: 5:37 pm



Sally Francis Board President


Rachel Barnhart Board Secretary

Submitted by: Chrissy Berkheimer
Executive Assistant PCBDD