

**THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 20, 2022  
Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764**

I. **President Sally Francis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.**

II. <b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>UNEXCUSED</b>
Denise Dupler	X			
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke	X			
Matt Sheridan		X	X	
Karen Chennells	X			
Sally Francis	X			

**Others in attendance:** David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Ashley Wollenberg, Ron Spung, Cindy Aiello, Jessica Stroup, Caley Boyden, and Shelly Lackey.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Res. 2022-07-01**

**Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the July Regular Board meeting and any additions submitted. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** There is one handout motion that was given to all Board Members in attendance.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Res. 2022-07-02**

**Kevin Howell moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2022, PCBDD Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Rachel Barnhart 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. After the training tonight, Board members will have completed three out of the four board trainings required from DODD. Caley will conclude the trainings in October with the financial reports and budgets. At the August Board meeting, David would like to have an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and succession. Jenny's MUI reports were included in the packet. Fritzie asked if Summer Camp staff were in trouble for the unapproved behavior supports that were noted. David shared nobody was in trouble as they were ensuring health and safety. David also shared that not all MUI's are bad. We use these reports as tracking mechanisms. Ron shared that we have to identify a category to put them in so we can file them with the State of Ohio. The Director's visit went extremely well. Denise stated that she was genuinely nice and knowledgeable. She feels she will do well in the position. They chatted about several different things and the Director gave her some information about tutoring. Together We Can will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Barn at the Backwoods in Thornville. Award nominations are being accepted. If you have someone you would like to nominate than please go to our website. The remaining work at the CCC will be completed when Summer Camp is over. Surveyors were on the grounds most of the day surveying for the parking lot. Not in David's report is he met with Casey today from New Lexington Schools and they are interested in being an option for transportation next year for Summer Camp. David still wants to work with Transit but wants us to have other options. Rachel asked if they would only do the New Lexington area and David shared they would do all of Perry County. David also shared with the Board that August 8<sup>th</sup> he will be having surgery and will be out that week. He looks to be back the following week. He also will be out at the end of August for a couple of days.

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

Cindy's report was included in the packet. No discussion for Cindy's report.

### **C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RON SPUNG**

Ron's report was included in the packet. No discussion for Ron's report.

### **D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY**

Shelly's report was included in the packet. No discussion for Shelly's report.

### **E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP**

Jessica's report was included in the packet. Sally noted that we still have vacancies that we are trying to fill. Reminder that Board photos will be held before the August Board meeting.

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

Caley's reports were included in the packet. The Youth Respite grant that we started in 2019 has made their final payment to us. We really utilized the grant more than other counties and have kept respite services going even though the grant has been exhausted. Expenditures were noted with a couple of higher-than-normal things, postage was added to the meter and standing desks were purchased for some staff. These were purchased with administrative funds that we receive for heading up the County Wellness program. Caley noted that half the staff completed a O365 training, the other day of training was postponed due to a water main break in New Lexington, where we had to close the office. The grant will take care of the expenses of bringing the trainer back to Perry County for the other half of staff to complete.

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

**Res. 2022-07-03**

**Rachel Barnhart moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** None

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Res. 2022-07-04**

**Rachel Barnhart moved to align the PCBDD Board employee travel expense/mileage reimbursement rate with the IRS rate and update as needed. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** Rachel shared this is how the MVESC does things too. Karen shared this is how the Child Welfare office does things. Caley share that this will not take effect until August 1, 2022, for PCBDD.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**Res. 2022-07-05**

**Karen Chennells moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary agreement with Perry County Job and Family Services (JFS) for funding of the Academy of Leadership Abilities and CCMEP when/if received, provided the agreement contains no significant changes from the previous agreement with JFS. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** This is a renewal agreement, and they reimburse us funds for ALA and CCMEP.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**Res. 2022-07-06**

**Karen Chennells moved to approve the Superintendent to sign the 2022-2023 Collaborative Services Agreement with Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start, when/if received. Sally Francis seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** David shared that no money changes hands with this agreement and we renew each year.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**Res. 2022-07-07**

**Rachel Barnhart moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Lylah Compston for cleaning services for the Sarah A. Winters building and David C. Couch Connections Center for one year. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** We had entered into a short-term agreement with her to see how she would do. We are pleased with her services.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**HANDOUT MOTION #1**

**Res. 2022-07-08**

**Karen Chennells moved to approve the agreement with Public Policy Impacts for Medicaid recommendations, as presented. Rachel Barnhart seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** Pre-Covid, I and some other DD superintendents worked with Public Policy Impacts to prepare a set of recommendations for Medicaid reforms in Ohio's DD system. Unfortunately, Covid ground the effort to a halt, then the Director changed. Ohio's DD system is developing a redesign to its Medicaid services and these recommendations need to be a part of the improvement. The \$10,000 cost can be taken from our funds at Mid-East Ohio Regional Council (MEORC). The funds are to get the recommendations in the right place to impact the redesign.

***Motion Passed*** by majority vote.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Rachel Barnhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

  
Sally Francis / Board President

  
Rachel Barnhart – Board Secretary