

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 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. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Denise Dupler	X			
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke	X			
Matt Sheridan	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Sally Francis	X			

**Others in attendance:** Kate Stewart, David Couch, Cindy Aiello, Ron Spung, Ashley Wollenberg, and Jessica Stroup.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 2022-08-01

Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the August 17, 2022, regular board meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** by majority vote. (Rachel Barnhart and Kevin Howell were not asked to vote as there was a misunderstanding on voting for this motion.)

IV. RECOGNITION:

Res. 2022-08-02

Karen Chennells moved to recognize the September 30, 2022, retirement of Cindy Aiello, Children's Program Director for the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities after 19 years of service. Matt Sheridan seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** The Board thanked Cindy for her service.

**Motion Passed** by majority vote. (Karen Chennells and Matt Sheridan were not asked to vote as there was a misunderstanding on voting for this motion.)

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

**Res. 2022-08-03**

**Rachel Barnhart moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022, PCBDD regular board meeting, as presented. Sally Francis seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** None

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

**VI. BOARD REPORTS:**

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

David's report was included in the packet. David reminded the board the next board training will be in October with Caley going over the financials. Jenny's reports were included in the packet. If there are additional questions please feel free to get with David after the meeting. David pointed out on page 14 that where it states staff, which is not County Board staff. Also, the verbal abuse seems high, but it was one staff member with seven people. Ron shared that one concern is burnout with staff. Some staff are staying an extra 24 hours a week to help. David reminded Board members that they were invited to our 2-day Strategic Planning event. David thanked Cindy for all her work in her department and in the agency. David assured the Board that although we are sad that Cindy is retiring, she is leaving her department in good hands with Ashley. Ron has been working with MEORC to increase supports for providers. MEORC offers services to provide support for providers and PCBDD has offered to help pay for some of these services. David wants to make sure that providers know we are here to assist and support them. The CCC will be finished now that summer camp is completed. Once the contractors are done, the outside work will be finished up (the fence, concrete, etc.). The parking lot will be going out to bid as soon as the architect finishes up some loose ends. In 2023, David, Shelly and Caley will begin their Baldrige Examiners journey. David shared with the Board that there are funds available again for us to purchase a house with Options for Housing. We purchased a home last year, on Brown Street, there are two occupants, so it is not considered a group home. This home doesn't have to be in New Lexington, it can be anywhere in the Perry County. A decision doesn't need to be made this evening; David just wants the ok to pursue it. Ron shared it was a great opportunity and they were great to work with. Options works with individuals to their wants and needs. All Board members shared with David they would like for him to pursue this.

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

Cindy's final report was included in the packet. Sally noted it is Breastfeeding Awareness month. Cindy shared at the bottom of her report a nice paragraph thanking the Board and a link for people to follow her journey through Italy during the 1<sup>st</sup> month of her retirement.

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

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

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

Shelly's report was included in the packet. David shared that we started in the Northern Local School district with ALA. We are only starting off with one class, but this is huge for ALA.

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

Jessica's report was included in the packet. Continually looking for SSA candidates. Reminder about the Strat Planning event on August 22<sup>nd</sup> & August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Caley's financials were included in the packet. Caley was not in attendance, but David gave the verbal report. We received the second and final payment from the Keeping Families Together grant. ALA received payment for the sessions provided at the Bethel Community Center. We paid our Waiver Admin fees to DODD, and it was higher than usual with the use of Perry County Transit for summer camp. Nothing to report in the reserve funds.

**VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:**

**Res. 2022-08-04**

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Res. 2022-08-05**

**Karen Chennells moved to approve the contract with Jonathan Gerald Martinis, LLC for services for the Culture of Coordinated Supports, as presented. Sally Francis seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** This is a renewal of the current agreement, with no changes in cost. We have been working with Jonathan Martinis since 2019 developing this support for families. The primary goal is to establish a coordinated effort on the part of agencies to significantly reduce the number of meetings required (ideally to one meeting).

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



**Res. 2022-08-06**

**Matt Sheridan moved to approve the Addendum to the Agreement for Professional Services with LOL in Nature, LLC, as presented. Sally Francis seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** We are not seeing the expansion of this service to other agencies as we had anticipated. I think it has to do with going through COVID. However, we are seeing a significant impact on the youth we support. The addendum will carry the service through the end of 2022 (the original agreement expires September 30). We have discussed how we can transition some of the knowledge and experience to more of our staff. David would like to get them connected with the schools this year. Sally asked if we had anything to show what they have been doing for us, David shared that playing outside and the communication piece is huge. Karen shared that it has a lot to do with problem solving and her son has really benefited from the program. Rachel shared she has heard nothing but positive things about the program.

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

**Res. 2022-08-07**

**Kevin Howell moved to approve the Superintendent to sign the Property Management Agreement with the Foundation for the Challenged, dba Options for Supported Housing, when/if received. Rachel Barnhart seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** Options purchased housing in 2021, utilizing Community Capital Assistance funds. The agreement is a renewal of the current agreement for management of the property. We did not have the contract as of the Board meeting. No money will change hands.

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

**Res. 2022-08-08**

**Karen Chennells moved to approve the contract with the Ohio Network for Innovation (ONI) for Supported Decision-Making Services, as presented. Rachel Barnhart seconded the motion.**

**Discussion:** ONI is a non-profit established by MEORC (MidEast Ohio Regional Council). The contract provides for training in supports to make decisions rather than going straight to guardianship. ONI does provide guardianship services, at an additional cost. This agreement utilized ONI to train people in how they can be supported without having a guardian. ONI has trained in all the schools via the Academy for Leadership Abilities. Denise asked if this is used when something comes up or ongoing. David shared it is used in either case. If necessary they can provide guardianship, and currently they provide guardianship for two people we serve.

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

Rachel Barnhart moved to adjourn to executive session at 5:50 pm. to discuss personnel matters, specifically: 1. Compensation of a public employee and 2. Employment of the Superintendent. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

*Motion Passed* by majority vote.


Meeting called back to order by Sally Francis at 6:11 pm.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Rachel Barnhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm.

  
Sally Francis – Board President

  
Rachel Barnhart – Board Secretary