

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2023
Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. President, Rachel Barnhart 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			
Sky Gettys	X			

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 2023-08-01

Sky Gettys moved to approve the August 16, 2023, regular Board meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was a handout motion given to all Board members in attendance.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. RECOGNITION:

Res. 2023-08-02

Karen Chennells moved to recognize the August 31, 2023, retirement of Ron Spung, Service and Support Administration Director for the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities after over 32 years of service in the field of developmental disabilities. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jessica Stroup read the proclamation.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 2023-08-03

Matt Sheridan moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, PCBDD Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Sky Gettys and Kevin Howell abstained)

VI. BOARD REPORTS:

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

David's report was included in the packet. Upon conclusion of the September Board meeting there will be Ethics training for Board members. If you cannot be in attendance, Chrissy will get you a link to complete training. October will conclude the Board member training requirements with Caley presenting budgets. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. Jenny continues to break down the MUI's at Mount Aloysius. David shared he is meeting with Eric Emmert tomorrow to discuss the Appalachian Community Grant for expanding our parking lot. As much as he hates delaying our parking lot, he feels if we can recoup any money from the grant we should attempt to do so, the Board members all agreed. David showed the Board a sketch of what he would like the parking lot and trail to look like upon completion. New Lexington Schools would like us to help with the cost of repairing the trail by the schools. There is erosion on the edges and some spots that need to be fixed/replaced. This would cost around \$12,000-\$15,000 but when David gets the final numbers he will bring them to the Board. We sent in our intent to apply for the 50-page application. This is Ron's last meeting; David feels we are in a great spot for the current Directors and himself to oversee the SSA department for a while. He feels we will be posting the Director position by March of 2024. David shared that Big Brothers/Big Sisters would like us to do a sponsorship with them. Rachel shared it is a wonderful organization that benefits a lot of children. Karen echoed the same thoughts. Sky questioned if they do a lot with children with developmental disabilities. David shared he would make a call and get more information and see if they have any kind of numbers for us. Matching kids with disabilities with some of our folks would be a wonderful connection. David concluded by sharing some numbers from an article from the CDC. 9% of the population in 2021 were diagnosed with a developmental disability. We currently serve around 457 folks, with the current increase, that would jump our numbers to around 800. Matt shared that the state average is around 12%-15%.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ASHLEY WOLLENBERG

Ashley's report was included in the packet. Rachel shared that she loved the pool party pictures.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RON SPUNG

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

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

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

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

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

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2023-08-04

Kevin Howell moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley's reports were included in the packet. Caley shared that we are right on target. We received the 2019 Medicaid settlement, and we might receive the 2020 settlement in 2023 but not a guarantee. Capital improvement expenditures, we did minor renovations for the heating/cooling for the building. Caley did share that it has made a huge difference and people are much more comfortable temperature wise. PCBDD was deemed "healthy" per DODD's new hardship risk assessment. We scored a two on a scale of 0-13, with zero being the best. Caley shared that all Board members will be receiving the final audit report via email.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2023-08-05

Karen Chennells moved to approve the agreement with the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center and New Lexington Schools for sharing the costs for the Student Advocate/Workforce Development Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: This will be the fifth year of sharing costs for this position. Ryan Lewis has filled the position all five years. This school year he will be part-time status only, primarily facilitating ALA at New Lexington High School. The position benefits DD in the employment area primarily by assisting students to recognize employment opportunities with providers.

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Rachel Barnhart abstained)

Res. 2023-08-06

Kevin Howell moved to approve the County Board Funded Admission Agreement with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities on behalf of the Mount Vernon Developmental Center, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is a general agreement for placement of a person in the developmental center. Each time we place someone in this facility, we are required to sign an agreement to pay the Medicaid match. We currently have one person placed that we pay the match for. Caley shared that a memo came out and shared that in 2024 the per diem rate would be \$245.00 a day. The first six months are at the waiver rate. Fritzie questioned how many DD centers are in Ohio, David shared that there are eight.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2023-08-07

Sky Gettys moved to approve the revisions to PCBDD Policy #101, Policies and Procedures of the PCBDD, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Policy and procedure revisions include updating the location of policies from network drive to SharePoint and adding Perry County policy details.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2023-08-08

Matt Sheridan 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. This is a renewal of the current contract. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: David shared if there are any significant changes he would bring them back to the Board.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

HANDOUT MOTION #1

Res. 2023-08-09

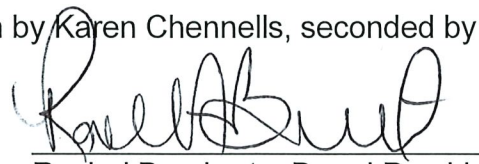
Sky Gettys moved to approve payment of a total of \$19,863.75 to New Lexington School District for summer camp transportation. Matt Sheridan seconded the motion.

Discussion: The agreement was for \$18,000. Having no prior experience in this area we agreed to settle if there was any additional cost. Actual costs were \$1,863.75 more than estimated.

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Rachel Barnhart abstained)

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:52 pm by Karen Chennells, seconded by Sky Gettys.


Rachel Barnhart – Board President


Denise Dupler, Board Secretary