

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2024

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
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke	X			
Matt Sheridan	X			
Sky Gettys	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Denise Dupler	X			

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 2024-04-01

Kevin Howell moved to approve the April regular Board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Matt Sheridan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roberts Rules of Order stipulate such a motion for each meeting agenda. Handout motions were presented to Board members at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. COMMITTEES: An Ethics Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, immediately following the Regular May PCBDD Board Meeting. Sky, Matt, and Kevin are on the Ethics Committee.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 2024-04-02

Sky Gettys moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, PCBDD regular Board meeting, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Matt Sheridan abstained)

VI. BOARD REPORTS:

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

David's report was included in the packet. David thanked the Board members for letting him know about renewing their terms for the Board. Jenny's MUI reports were included in the packet. David reminded Board members that we get no reimbursement for Mount Aloysius MUIs. The provider employee was not a PCBDD employee. Vikki's report was included in the packet. Board members like this report. David shared the email from DODD congratulating SSAs on having 100% of our individuals into the OISP system. We are the only county to date that has all our individuals in. The plan is to have the SSA Director posting out by the end of the month. David shared is currently reviewing the position description and hopes to have filled the position by the end of June. The General Assembly is considering bills that may impact PCBDD. HB427 or 14c is the effort for a group of superintendents working with the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB). On April 22nd, we met with Representative Jarrells, sponsor of the bill, in his Columbus office. Fritzie asked if this would affect an individual's threshold for income, David shared that it would but that is where the stable accounts come in. David shared that we have a SSA (Kate Presley) that is completing her benefits analysis training, and she will be able to help people with this. State Senator Tim Shaffer will visit PerCo May 1 from 10-11. The bill will discontinue Ohio's participation in certification for paying sub-minimum wages in workshops. The bill may not make it through the process in this General Assembly, but it will eventually. HB344 is a bill for replacement levies, which brings existing levies up to current amounts. Our last levy, in 2015, brought a 2.5 mil levy from 1998 to 2015 values. The voted rate of our 3 levies is 4.7 mils. Discussion was focused on when we would need to go back on the ballot. Talks about trying to do this before David retires so it would not be resting on a new Superintendents shoulders were discussed. David and Caley discussed with Board members about the millage and tax collections. Caley shared that if we replaced the \$1.2 mil levy dollars we would still be in the red by 2033. David passed around the DODD Accreditation three-year award for Board members to view. TPE was discussed and we are hoping to know our results by the first weekend in May. Children's Services new build will not be moving forward at this time. Not included in David's report was discussion about the Sheriff's Office considering adding a position to investigate for Children's Services. David shared he is interested in the position also specializing in working with and possibly investigating situations involving people with developmental disabilities. We would share the cost with Children's Services if this moves forward. Fritzie shared that crisis intervention was training when she worked in the school districts, and it is much needed. Rachel questioned if this would take the place of MEORC and David shared that this would be in addition to the services MEORC provides. Karen shared a personal story and feels that Perry County could benefit from this greatly. People have no understanding of mental illness, disabilities, and trauma. Sky feels that a training program would be a huge benefit. He feels funding this kind of training would benefit our individuals. Shelly shared that Jenna and Kenny met with the Sheriff's office and the New Lexington Police department for trauma, but more training is always needed. Karen feels that training to teach them to look through a different lens at a situation would be a great asset.

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

Ashley's report was included in the packet. Ashley shared that she received amazing feedback from her team at the ADA. In addition, our Home Visitor is ready to take on more of a caseload so it will be increasing.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – N/A

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. Karen questioned if we are taking over LOL. Shelly shared that we do not have the capacity to take over this program. They will not be doing summer camp so that will save some money from the contract.

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. 2024-04-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve the expenditures, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley's reports were included in the packet. Revenues for SFY22 waiver reconciliation came in \$75,000 over budget. There were three paychecks in March so salaries, Medicare, and PERS were up. PERS is paid a month behind so it will be reflected in the April reports. The Wellness reimbursement for 2023 wellness program completion for eligible staff (19) were in the expenditures. This is paid out of wellness money. The MEORC locally funded services is around \$98,000. We have one youth and one adult in placement that is around \$21,000 a month. We are trying to move the adult to an ICF. No discussion on voucher report.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Handout Motions (2)

Res. 2024-04-04

Karen Chennells moved to change the Together We Can Visionary Leadership award to the Justin Gall Visionary Leadership Award, pending agreement of this family and Mt. Aloysius. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: David shared that Justin received this award at the 2022 TWC. Justin was named to the Board in January 2013. In 2014, he was elected as Vice-President of the Board and carried that title until he was elected Board President in 2018. He carried that title until the end of 2019 when he left the Board to serve as the Executive Director of Mt. Aloysius where he continued his leadership role. David and the Senior Leadership Team feel it would be a fitting way to remember Justin's support of people with developmental disabilities.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2024-04-05

Karen Chennells moved to authorize the Superintendent to purchase on behalf of the Board a suitable vehicle for staff travel at a cost not to exceed \$45,000. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the motion.

Discussion: A vehicle was purchased in December 2022 and again in December of 2023. In a recent county employee experience (not PCBDD) has focused attention on the significant risk to employees using their vehicle for work-related travel. We stress with employees to communicate with their insurance carriers about this issue. The two vehicles recently purchased are used frequently, in addition to the minivan we have.


Sky Gettys moved to amend the above motion to state: vehicles (not vehicle). Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

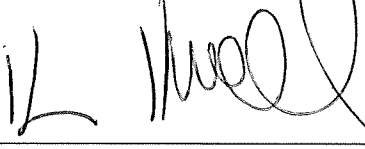
X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.



Rachel Barnhart – Board President



Denise Dupler – Board Secretary