

**THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025
Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764**

I. **President Rachel Barnhart called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.**

II. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell		X	X	
Fritzie Nitschke	X			
Linda Whetstone	X			
Sky Gettys	X			
Denise Dupler	X			
Karen Chennells	X			

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

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Res. 2025-01-01

Karen Chennells moved to approve the January regular board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the motion.

Discussion: Hand out motion was given to all board members.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 2025-01-02

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

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Linda Whetstone abstained)

IV. BOARD REPORTS:

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

David's report was included in the packet. Sky Gettys represented PCBDD at the OACB annual Delegate Assembly. With the new year comes a new year of training requirements. Board members shared they like our format. Executive Assistant asked board members if they would like to have Josh Young from ONI back for a training session and they shared they enjoyed him and would like to have him come back. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. The board shared they appreciate Jenny's information and the way she breaks things down. David did not get to meet with new Prosecutor Terry Rugg as he reported. He will get a meeting scheduled before the February board meeting. An executive session is planned for this evening to discuss the Transitional Assistant Superintendent. The process is moving forward. David included a letter in his report packet regarding supporting a person in a developmental center. This move to another placement represents considerable progress for the person. Our responsibility, should this not work out, is to go back to paying what we have been paying for the past couple of years. This placement not only represents good things for the person but also for our checkbook. However, such changes are never guaranteed to succeed. For us to take this step, we needed to agree to cover the cost if returning to the developmental center was necessary. I shared with Caley and Chuck my thoughts on how to work through this if placement is successful. David shared that he closed the offices on Monday, January 6, 2025, due to weather. He had not done this in a while but with the snow and the cold temperatures he thought of the staff and their safety.

B. SSA DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS

Chuck's report was included in the packet. Vikki's reports were included with Chuck's report. No discussion.

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

Ashley'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. No discussion.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

Jessica's report was included in the packet. She shared that we are sending the pre-screening questions out to potential hires to get a better gauge on if they would want to come in for an interview and if we would like to interview them. The hope is to have some of the open positions filled by the February board meeting. Included in Jessica's report were Annual Public Feedback results and the PCBDD Culture Survey results. Board members requested the comments from staff from the PCBDD culture Survey.

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

Res. 2025-01-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley's report was included in the packet. Caley shared that nothing crazy happened in the last two months of the year. Salaries and Medicare were higher than normal due to one-time payments. PERS was also higher than normal due to one-time payments. Expenditures were listed in the report.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Res. 2025-01-05

Karen Chennells moved to approve payment to the Ohio Association of County Boards membership dues of \$16,222.00. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the payment.

Discussion: The OACB provides a collective voice for all of Ohio's 88 County Boards. Our dues increased \$472.00 in 2025 (from \$15,750.00 to \$16,222.00). The increase is the result of the growth in the number of people we serve, approximately 470.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-01-06

Karen Chennells moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve maximum expenditures of \$4000.00 for staff in-service trainings/meals/activities, board trainings/meals, and staff service awards/gifts for 2025. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Proper public purpose for our funds is dictated by meetings with agendas. We are covered as anything we provide the above things for there is always an agenda.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-01-07

Karen Chennells moved to approve the use of up to \$520,552 of the CY 2025 budget and funds appropriated under section 5123.0413 of the Ohio Revised Code to pay the non-federal share of the services required by section 5126.0511 of the Ohio Revised Code for Medicaid expenditures to assure the services will be available in a manner that conforms to all applicable state and federal laws. It is fully understood the payment of the non-federal share represents an ongoing financial commitment of the Perry County Board of DD. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: This directs the amount of Board funds set aside as Medicaid match in the Board's operating budget. The Board match for Targeted Case Management (TCM) is included in the budget as staff salaries and program costs. Match for private Adult Day Services (ADS) and Transportation, Homemaker Personal Care (HPC) services, and other waivers services is paid to DODD. The motion specifies the amount of Board funds to be used as Medicaid match for the identified services.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-01-08

Sky Gettys moved to approve the Superintendent to request three (3) additional Level One waivers throughout 2025, as needed. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: We expect PCBDD's current annual match share of a Level One Waiver to average around \$15,000 per person. These are offered as appropriate to meet individual needs and are dependent on waiver waiting list status. David shared there are around 60 in the county. Karen asked what the difference between an IO waiver and a Level One waiver was. David shared that a Level One waiver is capped at \$40,000.00. Caley shared people use it for day services.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VOTE: YES NO VOTE: YES NO

Res. 2025-01-09

Sky Gettys moved to approve the contract between ONI (Ohio Network for Innovation) and PCBDD for Supported Decision Making (SDM) and Guardianship, as presented. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the motion.

Discussion: The agreement is for one year and will automatically be renewed from year to year. Fees are set for 2025 and 2026. The fee for Supported Decision Making is \$6,500 for 85 hours of services (over the two-year period). Guardianship services for 4 people is \$23,400 for the two-year period. Fees after the two-year period may increase with the automatic renewal. Either party can terminate the agreement with 90 days' written notice. I have had a discussion with ONI about the potential need for more guardianship services. Karen shared that ONI makes sure that family has a place at the table when making decisions.

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Karen Chennells abstained)

Res. 2025-01-10

Karen Chennells moved to approve the Reserve Utilization Plan, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Reserve Utilization Plan (RUP) was shared and reviewed at the November board meeting. The RUP is the first of its kind for PCBDD and is intended to be a guide for future decision-making.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

HAND OUT MOTION

Res. 2025-01-11

Karen Chennells moved to adjourn to executive Session at 6:03 pm to consider the employment of a public employee, the Transitional Assistant Superintendent. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

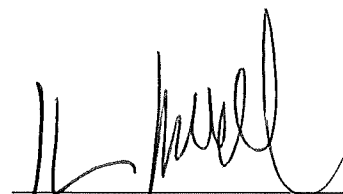
Motion Passed by majority vote.

Return from Executive Session at 7:01 pm.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.


Rachel Barnhart – Board President


~~Denise Dupler – Board Secretary~~
Kevin Howell Vice President