THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2026
Couch Connections Center, 600 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	X	
Linda Whetstone	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Sky Gettys	X			

Others in attendance: Caley Boyden, Chrissy Cameron, Chuck Davis, Kim Foreman, Ashley Reed, and Lacie Campbell.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Res. 2026-06-01
Sky Gettys moved to approve the June regular Board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Res. 2026-06-02
Karen Chennells moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, PCBDD regular Board meeting, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. **BOARD REPORTS:**
A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CALEY BOYDEN - *Verbal Report*
Caley's report was included in the packet. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. Jenny has arranged for the Ohio Attorney General's office to come to Pioneering Possibilities on 7/8/26 to do a training about scams. We are partnering with Nationwide Children's Hospital to receive free PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) training for our Behavioral Support Specialists. Prompted by federal scrutiny, Ohio's Medicaid program has been looking closely at

fraud concerns. The bill passed on 6/17/2026 and was sent to Governor DeWine to sign. In the bill, they did remove the language regarding families receiving payments for providing services. Caley shared we are developing an approach to address negative public comments on social media in response to items we are sharing in support of not abolishing property taxes. Board members shared that we still need to keep sharing the information and getting it out, so people are aware of how this affects our funding. At PCBDD, Administrative Assistant Tracy Vann was selected to fill the HMG HV role. In our continuing efforts to cut costs, her AA role will not be replaced. DODD notified Superintendents that there will be a 3% cost increase to the DC rate in state fiscal year '27 which begins on 7/1/26. Caley shared that she and Kim are scheduled to meet with the Commissioners on 7/15/2026 at 9:30 am to go over our budget, financial forecast, and levy discussion. Caley encouraged all Board members to attend if they can. Chrissy will send out a reminder email. Caley added discussion that she would like for PCBDD to participate in a pilot program on the statewide Medicaid system and removing all these duties from the SSA role. Our Board thinks this would be great for us to in on the pilot.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT – ASHLEY REED

Ashley's report was included in the packet. Linda asked Ashley what "without eligibility" means in her report. Ashley shared that a family only has 45 days to become eligible. Sometimes they do not respond, and Ashley feels by tracking this she can keep the caseloads relatively even.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS

Chuck's report was included in the packet. Vikki's reports were included with Chuck's report.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. Karen asked what RAILS stood for. Caley shared the meaning. Karen questioned what the PP Wednesday group was about. It was shared that it is geared toward Employment.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

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

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2026-06-03

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

Discussion: Kim shared the financial statements with the Board. Kim shared we received our state rollbacks from the first half of collections from our levy money. ODH HV revenue included back billing for Home Visiting. We received our March payment for TCM. Our expenses were a little higher due to summer camp staff starting and two vacation payouts. No movement in the Capital Improvements fund or the Reserve fund. MEORC accounts are up to date through April 2026. No questions about the voucher statement.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Draft minutes of the Ethics Committee Meeting from May 20, 2026. Kevin and Sky shared it was a short meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2026-06-04

Karen Chennells moved to approve the agreement between Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Elizabeth Fuchs for cleaning services at the S.A.W. and CCC buildings, for a period of one year. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: Liz has been cleaning the buildings since April 2023. We are quite happy with her work: she is thorough, flexible, and reliable and is willing to accommodate special requests when we ask. There are no changes to the contract.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lacie thanked the Board for allowing her to come observe the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Rachel A Barnhart

Rachel Barnhart – Board President

Denise Dupler – Board Secretary