THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 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:**

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

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Res. 2026-07-01
Kevin Howell moved to approve the July regular Board meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roberts Rules of Order stipulate such a motion for each meeting agenda.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Res. 2026-07-02
Karen Chennells moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, PCBDD regular Board meeting, as presented. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. BOARD REPORTS:
A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CALEY BOYDEN - *Verbal Report*

1. Caley's report was included in the packet. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. Caley shared that DODD completed their annual financial risk assessment of county boards. PCBDD is now in the "warning" status. 11 metrics are used to score and include things like levy failure, fund balances, and expenditure growth. To comply with requirements, Caley will complete and submit a Sustainability Plan to DODD by August 25th. One Community Supports

Supervisor resigned, effective July 31, 2026. We are evaluating capacity to determine how to address this vacancy. Caley shared that Region Five met with DODD Director Lyndsay Nash and other DODD team members on June 24th to propose a regional pilot to standardize and regionalize some of the Medicaid related functions of county boards. The concept was well-received by DODD, and the region is currently planning for a full-day follow-up meeting with Director Nash and team on July 31st, which will involve all Superintendents, SSA Directors, and Business Managers in the region. Caley recently met with Mt Aloysius CEO David Couch to further discuss the opportunity to work with ViaQuest and Mt Al. They would like to build a home dedicated to use by youth with intensive behavioral needs. This would meet a need in Perry County and would also provide capacity to other county boards with the same needs. While there are clear benefits to this proposal, funding, and long-term consequences of bringing youth in from outside the region are concerns that should be considered. Discussion from Board focused on where the money comes from, if it is a short-term solution why are people not moving out and the responsibility the Board would incur if these people remain in our county. Rachel shared that schools should be involved in discussions too since they will have stake in the youth coming into the county. Caley made notes and has many questions for another Superintendent that already has this in their county. The person who has been on our Immediate Need waiting list and another person currently residing at Mt Aloysius who can no longer stay there will both potentially need IO Waivers in the very near future. While DODD no longer offers ICF Exit Waivers to counties as standard practice, I plan to reach out to DODD to ask for two state-funded waivers for these individuals due to the intensive nature of their needs and corresponding high costs to meet them coupled with our current financial position. Caley shared that Kim and herself met with Commissioners on Wednesday, July 15th. After working on the financial forecast, Caley feels we can make it until the end of 2028. The conversation with Commissioners went well and they were very receptive to Caley and Kim sharing our financial future with them.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ASHLEY REED
Ashley's report was included in the packet. No discussion.

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS
Chuck's report was included in the packet along with Vikki's report. No discussion.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY
Shelly's report was included in the packet.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP
Jessica's report was included in the packet. Jessica shared the 2nd quarter Strat Plan Progress report with the Board.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:
Res. 2026-07-03
Sky Getty's moved to approve the expenditures, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kim shared that we received reimbursement for ALA from PCJFS. ODH sent our reimbursement for HMG HV. Payment for Medicaid Administration was received for the 4th quarter of 2025. TCM was received for November 2025 and April 2026. Tech Cred reimbursement was received. Operating expenses had the OACB conference training for seven employees and PAT model training. Early Intervention had extra funds that had to be spent so we did not have to send any money back. Capital fund showed expense for four new tires for the 2021 Escape and 2021 Equinox. Balances were shared.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2026-07-04
Karen Chennells moved to approve the Superintendent to sign the 2026-2027 collaborative services agreement with Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Head Start/Early Head Strat, when/if received. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is a renewal of the current collaborative agreement for providing a comprehensive program of services to all eligible families. Board agreed that this is not needed on future agendas for approval.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

Rachel Barnhart – Board President

Denise Dupler – Board Secretary