The regular meeting of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities was held on February 27, 2020 at the Thomas A. Wildey Center, 2040 US Highway 50, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

President Robert Grant called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

All present joined Mary Jane West in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Janie Pfankuch called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Mrs. Pellington who was absent and excused and Mrs. Chesnut who arrived at 5:40pm.

Resolution 20-15
Mrs. West made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Chrysalis Wood, Administrative Assistant for the Community Support Services Department was recognized by the Board for her winning theme for DD Awareness Month. She was presented a plaque with her theme/logo on it. “Everyone wants to feel included”

Let the record show Mrs. Chesnut arrived at 5:40pm.

Resolution 20-16
Dr. Brady made a motion seconded by Mrs. Chesnut to approve the January 23, 2020 Reorganizational Board Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-17
Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mrs. Chesnut to approve the January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-18
Dr. Brady made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board approve the Operations Report and Payment of Bills. Recap to be made part of the CCBDD Journal. Upon roll call, all members voted yea with the exception of Mr. Grant who abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Chesnut commented on EI and how exciting it is to be doing virtual home visit if a service provider is unable to go out to the home due to family illness or any other reason. Beth stated that this is the first step towards integrating technology throughout our EI
system in Clermont County, and it helps to keep our program platform options relevant during these ever-changing technological times.

The Board is very pleased to hear of all the work being done in the Mental Health Department, especially around integrating some of the wellness initiatives, like the gathering rooms.

Resolution 20-19
Mrs. Chesnut made a motion seconded by Dr. Brady to approve the Directors’ Reports as presented in the Board packets. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report

Congratulations to Logan Ottke (Dan Ottke’s son), who competed in the State Swim in February. Logan finished 9th overall in the 100 Breaststroke and 10th overall in the 100 Freestyle.

Each year, Dan ask for a resolution to approve the Board Member continuing education training topics for the year. Board members are required to have 4 hours of continuing education. Jeff Davis, the Ohio Director of DD, is responsible for sending out topic areas for consideration each year. The following topic areas are recommended, but not mandated:

1. Fiscal obligations of county boards of developmental disabilities with a brief presentation from DODD’s fiscal division on the essential role that local resources play in the success of Ohio’s service delivery system
2. Five-year forecasting requirement with a brief video presentation on the importance of creating a five-year forecast, and a review of a detailed worksheet that can assist county board members in understanding the board’s five-year forecast
3. Waiver planning report requirements with a brief presentation explaining the reasons for this requirement and its implications on county board operations
4. DODD initiatives, including a video presentation from the director covering the Department’s strategic plan and large initiatives, including DSP wage increase, statewide ISP, Early Intervention, multi-system youth, increasing IT efficiency, and the importance of customer experience of people and families served.

- Another topic Dan would like to propose is Sanctuary 101 training that covers our Sanctuary initiative. We will be going through Sanctuary re-certification in September.
- Other suggestions were Project Search, Video/Remote Support, Self-Advocacy

2021 – 2024 Strategic Planning – Dan reached out to Jo Krippenstapel, retired Consultant from DD to help with the process. Jo submitted a sample Strategic Planning Proposal. Dan asked the Directors to look over the proposal and see how this will work for our process. Dan would like to have a draft by the October Board Planning Session and the 3-Year Strategic Plan by the December Board Meeting for approval.

Dan gave a presentation on the Provider Recruitment Grant
- Warren County Example
• In an effort to increase provider capacity, Warren County locally funded some grant opportunities to help expand or start services in the County.

• Due to some changes at Opportunities for Ohioans, there are freed up funds to pursue this opportunity. Maximum of $80,000.

• Opportunity to try this for a year to see if it would encourage increased capacity in employment providers, especially to provide “soft skills” training.

Dan reviewed the information that he presented to the Board at the November Planning Session and gave an update on Adult Service and SODC. Dan Ottke, Superintendent and Dave Sininger, Director Business Operations met with Scott McVey, Asst Deputy Director for Developmental Disabilities Division of Residential Resources.

• Request to negotiate with Ohio DODD representatives for more revenue for the services rendered.

• Mr. McVey shared that in order to consider a rate higher than the waiver rate, it would trigger the State department to have to issue a Request for Proposal to provide the service.

• Dan will email Mr. McVey to let him know of the Board’s desire to move forward with that next step.

Some follow up questions and comments:

• Mrs. Chesnut asked if we can charge different rates based on the types of individuals’ needs, we are serving. Mr. Sininger explained that we do that based on individual’s acuity scores.

• A comment was made about what if the CCBDD was the only bid during an RFP request. Dan shared with the Board that, as a reminder, while there are financial implications of bidding on an “SODC only program”, there are also important considerations that are PR related. Running an “SODC only program” would result in having to inform our “locally funded” individuals and families that they could no longer access their current programming at DAC and Wildey.

• Mr. Chapmen asked if Board action is needed presently? Dan shared that Board action will be needed later in the year to decide about if we as the County Board are submitting a bid for the Request for Proposal.

Resolution 20-20
Mrs. West made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board approve the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide School Age Services for the 2020-2021 school year and bill at a rate of 100% of non-reimbursed costs to the in-county school districts and 100% of non-reimbursed costs to the out-of-county school districts for the 2020-2021 school year. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-21
Mrs. Chesnut made a motion seconded by Dr. Brady that the Board approve Policy 700 – PASRR. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.
Resolution 20-22
Mrs. West made a motion seconded by Dr. Brady that the Board approve the 2020 Board Member Training Plan. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-23
Mrs. Chesnut made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Ethics Committee – Upon review of all direct service proposed payments as defined in 5126.03, the Ethics Committee found no evidence of preferential treatment or unreasonable payment for items listed in the January 2020 report with the exception of #13 – carried over from the December report.

Resolution 20-24
Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann to ratify the Ethics Committee Report as presented for January 2020 with the exception of #13 – carried over from the December report. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-25
Mrs. West made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities adjourn. Time: 6:55pm. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Emily Chesnut, Secretary