

CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting – Virtual via Zoom
May 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities was held on May 28, 2020 as a virtual meeting on the Zoom Platform.

Mrs. Emily Chesnut called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Roll Call

Janie Pfankuch called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Kim Brady, Robert Grant and Kim Pellington who were absent/excused.

Resolution 20-47

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-48

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann to approve the April 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-49

Mr. Chapman 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. Motion carried.

Emily commented on how she loves all the creativity with all the activities Angie and Lisa are doing.

Emily also likes that Lisa's group is helping United Way distribute food boxes to individuals and families in need.

Emily asked about training to become a guardian. She has tried different avenues but gets blocked. Michael suggested to contact CASA for Kids. Sharon Richmond will also follow up with some suggestions.

Resolution 20-50

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the Directors' Reports as presented in the Board packets. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Graduation would have taken place tonight but with the COVID-19 it had to be canceled. It will take place sometime in the fall.

Staff are still working remotely. The Safety Committee worked on a Procedure for when we start to bring staff back. If Teams Meetings occur, we can have those in-house if that works out best for the individual and/or families.

The front entrance summer renovation project will begin June 1st. This will make the entrance more accessible for people in wheelchairs and will have more room for visitors to sit. There will be automatic sliding doors at the entrance and to the hallway. The temporary entrance will be the middle entrance where the awning is in the circle drive. Suzanne will move to the large conference room. Jody and Debora will move to the small meeting room.

Strategic Planning will get back on track this summer. The 3-year plan is due for 2021-2024. Dan asked the Directors to not only think about the external piece but also what we have gone through this last few months.

Board Member training will take place next month following the board meeting. Dan will follow-up with the Board on the topic.

Update on COVID-19 – Dan reported that we been very fortunate that no one has come down with the virus. Starting today, DD's will start testing in the homes. Julianne Nesbit from the Department of Health has some test kits just in case we would need to test anyone.

Dan will start working on advertising for Kim Pellington and Dr. Kim Brady's position on the Board. Kim is in her final term which ends at the end of this year. Dr. Brady unfortunately had to take a medical leave and will not be able to return to the board. Dan will send a letter to the Commissioners on Emily's behalf to serve her 3rd Term on the Board.

Resolution 20-51

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services to provide case management and counseling services for persons identified for the Resiliency Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 not to exceed \$12,000 per year up to five (5) Individuals at a time. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-52

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with HOPE Community Center for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-53

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Envision for the period of July 1, 2020 through

June 30, 2021 for the purpose of providing intensive in-home supports. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-54

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Personal Guardianship Services contingent on Prosecutor approval for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to serve as guardian for up to seven (7) Individuals at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-55

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Licensed Room and Board Providers for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a rate increase of 1.5%. Upon roll call, all members voted yea with the exception of Mrs. Pellington who abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-56

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board enter into the agreement as presented with Clermont County Family and Children First Council at an agreed upon contribution of \$50,000 for SFY 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-57

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement as presented with the Regional Autism Advisory Council (RAAC) at the agreed upon contribution of \$7,500 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-58

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Brittany Jaspers, LISW-S to provide Early Childhood Mental Health Therapy to eligible children receiving services through Early Intervention served by Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-59

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Greater Cincinnati Interpreters for the Deaf to provide interpretation as needed by the Regional Infant Hearing Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-60

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Charles D. Roberts for interpreter services

(Spanish) for the Clermont County Help Me Grow program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-61

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Board authorize the Superintendent to establish a layoff and notification process for staff working for the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities under the Early Intervention Service Coordination Grant, in the event the Early Intervention Service Coordination is not funded in the budget beginning July 1, 2020. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-62

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Resolution 20-63

Mr. Thamann 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 April 2020.

Resolution 20-64

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mr. Chapman to ratify the Ethics Committee Report as presented for April 23, 2020. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Resolution 20-65

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Thamann that the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 for the purpose to discuss and consider the employment of public personnel. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Time: 6:13 pm

New Business

Comments from Dan: As we continue to navigate through the response to Covid 19, it was shared last month that we have been able pivot our services and staff into remote work. Where we have been unable to make that shift has been in Adult Services. Since early to mid-March we have not had individuals to serve in the program, the bulk of those being individuals that live at SODC. As has been shared in the past, we operate as a contractor for day services and that contract runs July 1-June 30. In response to this situation, the Board authorized me to begin a layoff notification process in case there were not promising signs of individuals returning from SODC and if the uncertainty of doing so did not improve enough to feel confident to enter into a new contract for 2020/2021. Unfortunately, that light has not gotten brighter. To date I have not received a new contract from SODC or any assurances of when we could expect their return. Considering that, layoff notices will take effect June 1, 2020. In order to meet the needs of the remaining individuals served from our Clermont County Community, I have a new business motion to amend the 2020 waiver plan to increase the number of approved waivers in order to meet the service needs of those individuals being impacted by this decision.

Resolution 20-66

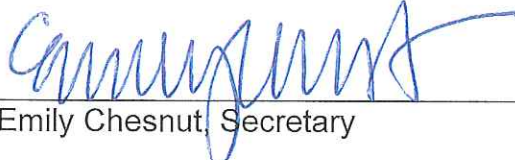
Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mrs. West that the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities authorize the Superintendent to modify the 2020 waiver plan to include waivers for Individuals that can no longer be served by the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities Adult Services Day program. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Dan took a moment at the end of the meeting to thank and recognize the work of those who have been a part of the Adult Services Program for all the years of its operation, some of those who are in the audience for this meeting. It is not an everyday occupation where those working in it can impact the quality of life of another person on a day to day basis. Those staff put their heart and soul into that work and for that, proper recognition is necessary to memorialize that work before the adjournment of the meeting.

Resolution 20-67

Mr. Thamann made a motion seconded by Mrs. West that the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities adjourn. Upon roll call, all members voted yea. Motion carried.

Time: 7:00 pm



Emily Chesnut, Secretary