

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 4-22-19 at the Administration Building Board Room at 7:30 pm with **Vice-President Teri Spoltman presiding.**

The meeting was called to order and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Members Present: Mona Berning
Phil Fullenkamp
Beth Guggenbiller
Deb Hecht
Mike Linton
Jim Maurer
Teri Spoltman

Others Present: Melissa Kaup
Joan Steinbrunner
Shawn Thieman

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT):

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from **Jim Maurer** and a second by **Phil Fullenkamp.** Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHERYL ANN AWARDS DINNER

- Shawn gave a wrap-up of the Awards Dinner. We will do something similar next year. It was a nice night and the staff really appreciate the dinner. The Albert Heckler Award went to Pat and Cathy Schmitmeyer. Their entire family was invited to the Dinner.

ARC BANQUET

- Jeff Davis, Director of DODD, spoke at the Arc Banquet for about 10-15 minutes. Shawn reports that he is very authentic and partners with Boards of DD very well. Shawn reported that there was a State wide meeting the next day and Jeff recognized Mercer County regarding the Arc Banquet and the great turnout we had.

APPROVAL OF CREATING A POSITION FOR PEER SUPPORT/SPECIAL OLYMPIC COORDINATOR

- We have a job description and salary range laid out for the new position, Peer Support/Special Olympics Coordinator. Shawn met with Bob Owens and the Mercer County Special Olympics Group regarding this position. There are 8-10 individuals on the Special Olympics Committee and will have this new individual be part of that committee.
- Shawn met with Superintendents of the schools and they are on Board with this track and field day for county participants that will be held on May 10, 2019 in Darke County.
- The new position will spend about 30% of their time in coordination of Special Olympics for Mercer County DD eligible individuals. 40% of their time will be coordinating and facilitating recreation and Special Olympic events targeting school-aged youth; 8-22 years of age. They also will be developing fundraising opportunities to off-set costs to

participants. Mentoring is not a big portion of this job yet. Will work 30-32 hours a week with benefits. Hours could be added down the road if needed. The ad is ready to put in the Daily Standard and also Hometown Opportunities. This ad will run for 1-2 ½ weeks and then interviews could run 3-4 weeks. We hope we will have someone hired by June 1, 2019. This person will share an office with Karen Leugers. Board felt this was a very good investment for Cheryl Ann Programs.

A motion was made to approve the job description for Peer Support/Special Olympics Coordinator by **Mike Linton** and a second by **Mona Berning**. **Motion was carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

STATE BUDGET ANALYSIS

- Shawn stated that the OACB put together a 10-page State Budget Analysis. Shawn touched on the highlights of this Analysis. **(1)** Implement a pay increase for DSP's. State DD will put in ½ and the County DD Boards will put in the other ½ (\$52 million). Will raise DSP pay \$1.26 per hour. **(2)** Restructure the state's non-medical transportation (NMT) reimbursement rate. **(3)** Require Boards to submit annual five year cash forecasts to insure long-term financial stability. Though doing an annual five year cash forecast will help see problems before they get out of hand. Mercer County DD will be going to a five year from a 10 year.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

- Shawn stated that there was an email from the State stating that we can do whatever we want for the Board Training. Jeff Davis suggested topics of Supportive Tech and Rule Making. Shawn proposed that we look at an area within our DD program. Suggested that we look at Early Intervention and Help Me Grow to help get a handle on this for the Board. Will do this training in one day (3 ½ hours). Will have this on a Tuesday or Thursday in September. Shawn asked the Board to look at their schedules and will pick a day at the next Board meeting in May.

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION

- It was decided to cancel the June Board meeting and to keep the July meeting on July 22, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Board Room in the Administration Building. All Board members were okay with this.

Motion was made to adjourn by Deb Hecht and a second by Jim Maurer. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at **7:30pm** on **May 20, 2019**.