

e Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 9-28-20 via Zoom at 7:30pm with **President Phil Fullenkamp 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
Mike Linton
Jim Maurer
Teri Spoltman

Members Absent: Jennifer Armstrong

Others Present: Tonya Clark
Kathy Coon
Beth Gehret
Melissa Kaup
Shawn Thieman

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT):

The Consent Agenda for July was accepted by a **motion from Mike Linton and seconded by Jim Maurer. Motion was carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 MERCER DD AWARDS DINNER – Due to on-going local COVID-19 issues, it was decided to cancel the in-person awards banquet on October 22. It was discussed doing something virtually with video or wait for a date in early 2021.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – Shawn shared we have had a lot of incidents of COVID-19 in the past few weeks and are being impacted more than we have ever been. Beth Gehret our SSA Manager explained in the last 1 ½ weeks we had 5 clients test positive for COVID and 1 probable case. There are three different Arc homes and one family home that have been reported to have COVID. Beth mentioned they are doing a good job staying on top of it. Shawn mentioned that the Health Department is providing guidance to help make sure the Providers are doing what they need to do. Some Day Services have been suspended until further notice.

BUILDING REMODEL – Original project is on track. However, in the process of digging they found the sanitary pipes outside of the building have eroded and are being held together by the gravel and mud around it. Replacing the pipes within the building will be a necessary future project - Jay will look to address this project next summer.

BOARD IN-SERVICE – It was discussed having the Board In-service via Zoom on November 10th. Beth Gehret, shared with the Board on how Zoom has an option that allows for break-out rooms during a meeting where the Administrator can set-up different rooms with different people and discuss topics, but also can be in a meeting room all together. Another option would be to extend the October and November Board meetings to allow for the In-Service and not worry about November 10th. The Board decided to extend the October and November Board meetings to allow for the In-Service.

2021 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – Teri Spoltman Board member has committed to 4 more years on the Board. President, Phil Fullenkamp will be leaving at the end of the year. Shawn also received notice from Board member Jenny Armstrong and that she needs to step down due to personal reasons, therefore we will need two replacements going into 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with Rehabilitative Services Inc. – A motion was made to approve the contract with Rehabilitative Services by Teri Spoltman and a second by Mona Berning. Motion was carried.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Each year the Board is required to fill out a Superintendent Evaluation. Shawn will send via email to members. President – Phil Fullenkamp asked that they be returned to him by the October meeting. The evaluation results will be discussed at the November meeting.

Budget and Finance Meeting – The committee consisting of Phil Fullenkamp, Mike Linton and Jim Maurer will meet via Zoom with Tonya Clark to discuss budget and finance in October. Tonya will email some dates and times to meet and will wait to hear back from committee on confirmation.

WEBSITE REVIEW – The new website design at www.mercerdd.com is now up and running. Beth Gehret navigated the new site for the Board members and showed how nice and user friendly it is.

Motion was made to adjourn by Teri Spoltman 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 **October 26, 2020.**