

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 10-26-20 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:

Others Present: Tonya Clark
 Kathy Coon
 Beth Gehret
 Shawn Thieman

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT):

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a **motion from Jim Maurer and seconded by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion was carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – Shawn shared that the biggest impact we are feeling right now is when DAY Service Providers were told by the Governor of Ohio that they could have no more than 10 people in a setting, which meant 8 clients and 2 staff. DAY Services are funded by an A rate (don't need a lot of help, staffing ratios are 1 to 12 and typically pay \$40 a day), B rate (need more help, ratio is 1 to 6 and cost is \$75 a day) and C rate (most involve clients, staffing ratio is 1 to 3 and cost is \$125 a day). We as County Boards agreed to pay the C rate of \$125 a day, retroactive in June. This is being done statewide however, due to the increase County Boards are saying as of December 31st they will need to look at this arrangement and negotiate a new rate. It is costing us a lot more money and half as many people are attending.

2020 MERCER DD AWARDS DINNER – Due to on-going local COVID-19 issues, the DD Awards Dinner was cancelled on October 22nd. Shawn met with John Silfe about creating a video of this year's recipients who will be receiving awards for Direct Support Provider, Albert Heckler, and Staff for their years of service. The video will be shared through our website via social media.

BOARD IN-SERVICE – The Board met via Zoom for an in-service with Beth Gehret and the SSA Department before the October Board Meeting. It was discussed that the next in-service meeting will be held before the November 23rd Board meeting at 6pm.

BUILDING REMODEL – New doors have been installed at the front of building. The budget is on track and Baumer Construction has been a wonderful Company to work with. Completion of the project is the end of November.

2021 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS – There are two candidates who are interested in being on the Board. Tom Burtch is from Rockford and John Werling is from St. Henry. Shawn will be meeting with them in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPERINDENT EVALUATION – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

2021 BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS – Tonya Clark previously met with the Budget & Finance Committee. They reviewed the appropriations and talked about the 10 year Projection. Everything looks good however, a lot can change between now and then. Capital Budget looks good as well as the General Fund.

EARLY INTERVENTION RESIGNATION – Ann Marie Bartlett, Service Coordinator in the Early Intervention Center has resigned due to her husband accepting a Chiropractor position in Columbus. Ann Marie has agreed to continue working remotely until November 20th.

The Board went in Executive Session to consider to consider matters related to compensation and or termination of public employees. A roll call vote as follows: Mona Berning, yea; Phil Fullenkamp, yea; Beth Guggenbiller, yea; Mike Linton, yea; Jim Maurer, yea; and Teri Spoltman, yea.

The Board returned from Executive Session on a motion by **Jim Maurer** and second by **Mike Linton** and a roll call vote as follows: Mona Berning, yea; Phil Fullenkamp, yea; Beth Guggenbiller, yea; Mike Linton, yea; Jim Maurer, yea; and Teri Spoltman, yea.

A motion was made to approve the 2021 Budgets with 2% - 4% increases to most staff compensation rates by **Teri Spoltman** and second by **Beth Guggenbiller**. **Motion was carried.**

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Linton and a second by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at **7:30pm** on **November 23, 2020.**