

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its annual meeting on 3-28-22 at the Administration Building at 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order with President Teri Spoltman presiding and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Sarah Flenar, Rajean Hedrick, Melissa Kaup, Shawn Thieman

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT) :

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from Karla Butler and seconded by Mona Berning. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 Levy Discussion—As was discussed at last meeting—we cannot legally combine both levies and ask for a reduction. This would require a taxation department review and require a revised code change through Legislation. Our budget looks good. It was discussed to put a levy on the ballot this Fall, just a renewal levy. The next Levy we can do a reduction and then possibly roll together and reduce. A Motion was made by Beth Guggenbiller and Seconded by John Werling. **Motion---The Mercer County Board of DD is proposing to renew its 2.42 mill, 6 year levy. This levy was first passed by taxpayers in 2005. This will result in no change to taxpayer cost. The Board of DD prefers to place this on the ballot for Fall of 2022. The Board requests that the Mercer County Commissioners certify the financial information with the Mercer County Auditor.**

Vote: Unanimous

Building Projects---The parking lot project will be an approximately 3 week project from when it starts. Hopefully first part of April. Tom’s Construction will oversee this. It will be the front parking lot that is getting redone.

The restrooms are getting done this Summer. We will be renovating the two restrooms back in the SSA department. The restroom in the Admin offices will be removed. Baumer Construction and Consolidated Hunter will oversee this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Medicaid DSP Investment—The County Board of Superintendents have been discussing ways to increase wages for DSP’s. Discussing a 6.5% increase for HPC providers. Shawn included a cost projection for a 10% increase and the 6.5% and estimated cost. If this passes—it will have to be by a unanimous vote. It will be voted on in a month. Medicaid needs to build in yearly increases—this would help. Shawn feels like the general censuses of the Superintendents of the County Boards will be 6.5% increase for HPC services.

Grand Lake Mariners Sponsorship---The Mercer County Board of DD will be sponsoring a game on July 11th. This will be for staff/family/providers/clients/board members. We will have free tickets and food vouchers. Possibly have a tent set up with other goodies. Please come out to the ballgame for some fun.

Annual Accreditation and POC—We did receive a 1 year accreditation. Shawn feels good about this going forward. This is an opportunity for growth. Jessica Heck-Stelzer is our Quality Assurance person for the ISP's. She will be reviewing plans and assessments and we need to give her the tools to help her accomplish this. She will be working with SSAs to help them with the ISP's. We have a quote from MEORC for services to help us prepare for the next accreditation. **Motion made to Approve the Proposal for Services from MEORC. Motion made by Karla Butler. Seconded by Dan Muhlenkamp. Motion Carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION – 2 of our clients have passed away recently. We have sent flowers and have made a donation (per the wishes of the family)
We do have some openings in our ARC houses. SSAs are discussing options/people
EI has had a lot of new referrals this month. They have been extremely busy.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:23 pm to consider the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public official on a motion by Mona Berning and Seconded by Mike Linton. Roll Call as follows, Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman and John Werling.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 pm on a motion from Karla Butler and Seconded by John Werling. Roll Call as follows, Mona Berning, Karla Butler, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman and John Werling.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Linton and a second by Mona Berning. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at **7:30 pm** on **April 25, 2022**.