

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its annual meeting on 4-25-22 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, Gregg Rutledge, Shawn Thieman

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT) :

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 Levy Discussion—Shawn sent the approval to the commissioners to get the financial information. The commissioners should discuss this tomorrow and it will probably be in the paper on Wednesday. This is just a renewal levy—we are not asking for an increase—just renewal. There might be some questions about our fund balance. Shawn is prepared to answer any questions regarding that.

Building Projects—The parking lot is scheduled to begin the second week of May. The work on the restroom/sanitary system is scheduled to be completed by the end of July/beginning of August.

Medicaid Rate Increase—As discussed at the last meeting, The county Boards of DD (state-wide) were talking about approving a Medicaid Rate increase, possibly 10%. However, it was decided a 6.5% increase was appropriate. This is for all services across the board. This will be an approximate increase of \$150,000 for us annually. This might be a few months away from being implemented yet.

Annual Accreditation and POC—There have been a lot of meetings with the leadership team. The SSAs have attended some trainings on writing ISP's and looking at outcome based plans. We have the contract with MEORC and are getting trainings scheduled with them. We are in a good spot going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mercer County Arc and Special Olympic Update—Sam Fledderjohann (Special Olympics) was not able to be here tonight. She will report on State Games and the Sparks Cheerleaders sometime in June or July.

Gregg Rutledge of Arc gave a PowerPoint presentation on Arc homes. There are 13 Arc homes. Gregg had pictures of each house and discussed renovations that were done already or renovations that were scheduled to be completed for each house. He had all the financial information on the Arc Homes. Right now, there are seven openings in the Arc homes. Gregg applies for all the Grants for the homes and the Renovations to the homes. Those are thru Capital Improvement Fund. Gregg discussed how Arc is growing, they are getting more members and younger members. More people want to be involved. He thanked Teri Spoltman for the Christmas Party and Spring Bash that she planned. Gregg also wanted to thank Kathy Coon for all her hard work with the Arc. She is instrumental in changing all the utilities over from the renter's names to the Arc. This will make it much easier to manage when people move in/out. Gregg was asked about property taxes—after the first year—the Arc house is exempt. This helps keep the rent lower. The board thanked Gregg for all that he has done for Arc and the Arc homes.

Medicaid Services Report—Shawn discussed this Quarterly report. Went over some numbers and statistics.

2021 Annual Report—This has a lot of information. Please look it over. It is also on our website.

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION – Once again, Shawn and the Board thanked Gregg for the presentation on the Arc Homes. It was very informative. Also, Gregg wanted to thank Kathy Coon for all her help. She has been a valuable asset in helping Gregg with all Arc Activities. She also does some work for EI. She has done many different jobs at MCBDD.

We have hired a Help Me Grow Home Visitor—her name is Mandy. She will be starting on May 9th. She was working for Help Me Grow in Allen County, so she is basically ready to go. She has the requirements needed to start a caseload right away. We would like to hire another Help Me Grow Home Visitor—we are discussing a few candidates that applied and did really well on the second interview.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mona Berning and a second by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at **7:30 pm** on **May 23, 2022**.