

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its annual meeting on 6-27-22 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, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

Board Members Absent: Beth Guggenbiller

Others Present: Sam Fledderjohann, Sarah Flenar, Beth Gehret, Rajean Hedrick, Melissa Kaup

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT) :

The Consent Agenda was accepted (after a minor typo correction on April Minutes) by a motion from Karla Butler and seconded by Mona Berning. **Motion was carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Projects— Most of the plumbing job is complete. The cast iron has been removed. New flooring is in. On track to be done on 7/20. Jay Schwieterman has been an immense help, keeping the projects moving.

Parking Lot—It is done, Went a little over budget due to running into some unanticipated issues. Had some holes to fill in with gravel, replaced storm drain to fix the flooding problems. They did an excellent job, very happy with how the parking lot looks.

Estate Wrap-Up—The estate from Ester Eyink has been finalized. We have received the money from her estate. Shawn is thinking about giving part of the money to the ARC for activities for our associates and possibly some for the employees (clothing with our logo, etc.) We will also receive an annuity—either a lump sum or payments. We chose to receive payments—expecting first payment 4/4/23.

Credit Card Approval—First Financial Bank would like a Board Resolution saying that we can use a credit card for hotel rooms, IT purchases, and other expenses. The board needs to sign the form. The form was handed out and the Board members signed it. **Motion to approve the Credit Card for Business Purposes. Motion by Dan Muhlenkamp, Seconded by John Werling. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Special Olympics Update— Sam gave a presentation on State Summer Games---We had the loudest supporters from our County in Opening Ceremonies. Some athletes got to hold the Olympic Torch. They had Healthy Athletes Program—eyes, smiles, minds, bodies, eating and hearing. 6 athletes got glasses on the spot--2 prescription sports goggles (to be mailed) , 2 prescription sunglasses, follow up for hearing aids, meditation exercises for calming down, free shoes, Lots of supports and incredible opportunities. Medaled in Power-lifting (2 people) and lots of medals in Bowling. Special Olympics has grown into so much more than just Sports. Great Weekend. Sam feels that SO needs a bowling coach.

USA Games---2 Ft. Recovery girls went for Ohio Cheerleaders. They represented Mercer County for the Ohio Cheerleaders. This was in Orlando, Florida. They were able to adapt and make friends. Excellent opportunity. We had a lot of support from Mercer County for the

girls. We have the Best Coaches---very invested and caring to our athletes. Board thought this was all phenomenal and amazing experience, big thanks to Sam and the coaches. Our Golf Team has 20 Athletes and 20 partners in the community. We are adding Volleyball Spring of 2023—this will be unified team. Sam loves what unified does, with the connection between our folks and their partners.

Teri asked about the All Abilities Camp---this is July 8th and 9th. Fellowship of Christian Athletes. One-on-one—every athlete has a partner. Sam is helping with a sensory room.

Technology First Policy—Ohio is a Technology First State. The ISP must explore technology options first before utilizing humans to do that task. We need to know how to help our consumers use technology to be more independent without staff being there. This policy discusses how we are going accomplish this. How to increase the numbers of folks using technology. Melissa from Shelby County (IT) will help us with this. This policy comes from the Governor’s Initiative. **Motion to approve the Technology First Policy. Motion by Karla Butler. Seconded by Dan Muhlenkamp. Motion Carried.**

2021 Cost Report—The cost report is completed, and a summary sent to the board members for your information.

Adjusted Mileage Rate—The County Commissioners has increased this to 62 cents per mile instead of 52 cents per mile. This will go in effect on 7/1/22. This is for staff reimbursement for mileage.

E-Trike---We feel this would be a benefit for some of our consumers. We would like to purchase 2 for here. Do some skills testing here for folks—to see if they have the ability to use it. Try it out in the parking lot. They go 10 miles per hour. This would give people some freedom/flexibility/independence. They will eventually use their waiver to purchase these. We are on a waiting list to purchase 1 for now, approximate cost \$2000. Dan Muhlenkamp thinks this is a fantastic idea. **Motion made to purchase 1 E-Trike. Motion by John Werling. Seconded by Mona Berning. Motion Carried.**

Cost of Living Adjustment---first pay out was at the beginning of January. HMG staff that resigned has been replaced. Auditors office needs a signature from our board stating the board is OK giving this money to the new HMG staff. She will get \$500 like everyone else. She is doing a wonderful job. Teri Spoltman signed it.

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION – Director Kim Hauck will be here on 7/20 from 2:00—4:00 pm. She is visiting every county.

There will be no July Board Meeting. We will meet again on August 22, 2022

El has hired a New Help Me Grow Home Visitor---Sawyer Weitzel. She will start 7/7

Sandy Dorsten is retiring. Dannielle Kelly will assume her duties. We are having a retirement party for Sandy on 6/30—2:00—4:00 at MCBDD. Please stop by and say goodbye to Sandy.

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 **August 22, 2022.**