

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its annual meeting on 1-23-23 at the Administration Building at 7:30 pm

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

OATH OF OFFICE – Shawn Thieman read the oath to Board members and Board members all signed the Oath of Office paper.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President – Teri Spoltman

Vice President – Mike Linton

Recording Secretary –Beth Guggenbiller

All in favor - Motion was carried.

DESIGNATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS – Shawn stated there was a copy of the Board meeting calendar dates in the Board packet.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND IN-SERVICE OBLIGATIONS – The board has to have the 4 hour in service every year. This will be in the Fall, It is Administrations turn to host it. Will get more information to the board members when it gets closer. Mike Linton and Mona Berning are both at then end of the terms. However, each is eligible for another term.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – The committee assignments were kept the same. The Finance and Budget Committee meets a couple times a year or as needed.

The meeting was called to order with **Vice President Mike Linton** presiding and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Mona Berning, Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, John Werling

Board Members Absent: Teri Spoltman, Karla Butler

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

CONSENT AGENDA (ATTACHMENT) :

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from **John Werling** and seconded by **Mona Berning**. **Motion was carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

DSP Retention Payments—There has been definite progress. Campaign “Lives at Stake.” It was approved. DSP/Agencies will be getting 6 1/2% from County Boards. 95% of Agencies have signed up. DSP wages should be increasing to \$19 or \$20. Mike asked if this would change our Medicaid Match Rates. Shawn stated yes, this would have an impact on our local budget.

DODD Accreditation-- This is next week, Wednesday and Thursday February 1st and 2nd. Shawn to see if Teri can meet with the Accreditation team. This will be on 2/2 from 11:00—

noon. If this is not possible, someone else will need to meet with them. Shawn will start with Terri and email the board to let them know.

NEW BUSINESS

Medicaid Match—Extension of the Public Health Emergency Act has been officially renewed. The Government has continued with the reduction of the Medicaid rate another 6 months— with another possible extension. Shawn will keep the Board informed.

Four Year Vendor Report—Sarah put together a very nice report comparing bill/vendors for the last 4 years. You can really see how the improvements have paid off in reducing costs for utilities.

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION –

Interior Design Project—Front Lobby—working on that with Revival. Janel S is taking pictures for the puzzle pieces. Working on a facelift for the board room. Going to open this room up.

El Positions—Chris Schulte—developmental specialist—will be retiring (possibly in July). Had interviews with a couple of good candidates. However after some discussion—Megan Wilder (who is a service coordinator in El) has expressed an interest in this position. She will become a Developmental Specialist—training with Chris. That will open up her position and we will see what happens from there. Might be some shifting around and we will see what happens from there.

IT Contract—Mike question how that was going. Greg from Auglaize County came and looked at our system. He liked how it was set up. He is available to help if needed. Sarah feels like Claire has a good handle on things. Maybe when we implement Office 365—he offered to help either virtually or in person.

Montgomery County Board of DD—Mike had heard they were struggling. Shawn explained they do their finances differently than we do here. Shawn will get more information and share it with the board at the next meeting.

COLA Adjustment—Austin Monroe (pt janitorial) was inadvertently left off, Sarah has prorated his portion and just needs Mike Linton to sign.

Salaries—discussed how happy the staff were to get an increase and the COLA increase. Shawn commended the Board on helping to make this happen.

Motion was made to adjourn by Dan Muhlenkamp 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 **7:30 pm** on **February 27, 2023**.