

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 5-22-23 in the Boardroom at the Administration Building at 7:30 p.m. with **President Teri Spoltman** presiding.

The meeting was called to order and a roll call revealed that a quorum was present.

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

Members Absent: John Werling

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

Consent Agenda (Attachment):

The Consent Agenda was accepted by a motion from Mike Linton and a second by Beth Guggenbiller. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Property Update---The parking lot between our building and the New Ag Center will be under construction for the next couple of weeks. We are also going to move the dumpster from that building to our building. We will have to pour some concrete to make a pad for that dumpster. Shawn also reported that we are looking to add another vehicle. We have additional staff, and we are looking for a 4 wheel drive—possibly jeep. Jay is checking with Buds and other local dealers on prices. The board felt that adding another vehicle was a good idea.

Ohio Budget Bill—It is in the Senate. Supposed to be signed by 7/1/23. Will be more to report next month. Shawn will keep the board informed.

November Levy Update—The Commissioners approved putting the Levy on the November 8th ballot. This is the Renewal 5 year 1.94 mil levy. Shawn will be putting together a fact sheet to give to the board members. Will be getting the information out through Social Media, Videos, newspaper ads.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Update—Jessica Heck-Stelzer is retiring. Erica Lange will be assuming Jessica's job duties. Amy Grieshop will be starting on 5/20. She is a new SSA. Chris Schulte will be retiring at the end of June. Megan Wilder will be taking over for Chris. We have hired a new Help Me Grow Home Visitor—Amie Burnett. She is an R.N. We are very happy to have her onboard. Renae Gels will be the new Administrative Assistant in E.I. Kathy Coon will be working more for ARC and helping Gregg R. Patti is having surgery and will be out and possible retirement. We need someone here to cross train. Renae will be great at this job. Lynn R will be retiring—possibly August or September. She had some family issues so is only working a few days thru the week during the Summer. Julie Duncan—will be working part time to help Lynn. She is with Bob Hibner's group and has pediatric experience. Melissa is still out on sick leave.

Mercer County ESC Contract—This helps offset the cost of serving kids with disabilities in the schools. We need to continue our support. **Motion to approve the Mercer County ESC Contract. Motion was made by Karla Butler. Seconded by Dan Muhlenkamp. Motion Carried (Beth Guggenbiller abstained from voting)**

Mercer County ESC Building Use MOU—This is the Memorandum of Understanding for ESC to use our building. There have been more and more students here. There are now 4 counties sending their students here. They have been coming more and more to our side of the building. Shawn feels that he needs to talk to Shelly and Chad S to discuss this program and where they are going, see what their plans are before signing this agreement. The board was in agreement. Shawn to talk to Shelly V and Chad and then report back to the board. **(Beth Guggenbiller recused herself from this also)**

2022 Human Rights Committee Data—The Human Rights Committee reviews any ISP that may have aversive measures in it. Beth discussed this and gave a presentation on it. We have partnered with Dynamic Pathways, and this has been a real asset. This is used to help people in a crisis situation.

Board InService Date—The board members must attend a 4 hour InService every year. Shawn suggested instead of having the InService at the beginning of a meeting, to have it in July. Shawn suggested Monday July 31st from 5:00—9:00 pm. The board members thought that would be fine. Shawn to check with John Werling and will plan on that day for the InService.

Superintendent Discussion

Medicaid Rules for Children--- Everything is the same as last month. Nothing has changed. Shawn will keep the board informed. .

Medicaid Match— Everything is the same as last month. Nothing has changed. Shawn will keep the board informed.

HPC/Shared Living Billing— Everything is the same as last month. Nothing has changed. Shawn will keep the board informed.

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

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at 7:30 pm on June 26, 2023.