

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 6-26-23 in the conference room 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, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

Members Absent: Mike Linton

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

Consent Agenda (Attachment):

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Property Update—The County has started working on the parking lot between the buildings. It is torn up now. The staff are all parking their cars in the front lot for now. The lot is supposed to be done by the beginning of the school year. The commissioners are really working on the New Ag Center. We will share that parking lot with them.

Garage—Shawn and Gregg are in preliminary talks about possibly expanding the garage behind the building. We store a lot of things for ARC houses/things that people might need when they are moving in. Jay uses that garage also for his mowers and snowplow equipment. Discussing sharing the cost of this with ARC. Shawn just wanted the board to be aware of the preliminary talks.

November Levy Update—Everything is ready to go. Discussed that the Arc will be the treasurer for the Levy. Also discussed volunteering after hours. The only thing is there are a lot of other things on the ballot in November.

July 31st Board Inservice—This will be on Monday July 31st from 5:00—9:00 pm (here). The meal will be furnished. Beth is in charge of the Inservice this year.

Mercer County ESC Building use MOU—Shawn had a meeting with Shelly Vaughn, expressing some concerns that he had. Shelly was supposed to get back in touch with Shawn and she has not done so yet. Shawn feels we need to table the MOU until Shelly addresses the concerns that Shawn brought to her attention. The board can still approve the MOU after the school year starts. The board was in agreement with Shawn and Tabled the MOU for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Rehab Services Contract—Discussed the proposed Contract with the Rehab Services. Lynn R will be retiring at the end of September. She is only working 2 days a week until then. Julie Duncan (from Rehab Services) will be working 2 days a week until Lynn retires, then possibly working 3 days a week. The EI Department is very excited to have Julie onboard. She brings a lot of knowledge and skills to this position. The contract also includes Mindy Muhlenkamp for Occupational Therapy (just the same as the prior years. **Motion to Approve the Rehab Services Contract. Motion Made by Mona Berning. Seconded by John Werling. Motion Carried.**

Mercer County Cost Report—Sarah went over the 2022 Cost Report. She gave a very helpful power point presentation. Discussed the Income/Revenue and the SSA's TCM (Targeted Case Management). This generates a considerable amount of revenue from Medicaid. This has to be submitted to the state by June 30th.

Superintendent Discussion

Ohio Budget Bill Status Report—Shawn is very hopeful this will pass. Has a Friday deadline to be passed. This bill has increased the wages of DSP's to \$18 an hour this year and \$19 an hour next year. This is a huge win for us and for all the DSP's to get a higher wage.

Medicaid Rules for Children—This is the new rule that allows parents to be caregivers for their minor children and get reimbursed from Medicaid. The focus has shifted from adults to minor children. The rules were changed during the pandemic and now they might be changed permanently. OACB has been opposed to this. Feels there needs to be some guidelines/parameters developed before this is enacted into law. Need time to develop this further. The Department of Medicaid should not be allowed to make changes and then the DD boards have to pay for those changes. Shawn will keep the board informed regarding this.

2022 Annual Report—This report lists all the services that we do. The board felt this was a very informative report.

Motion was made to adjourn by Beth Guggenbiller and a second by Karla Butler. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in the Board Room in the Administration Building at 7:30 pm on August 28, 2023.