

The Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its regular meeting on 5-20-24 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: Beth Guggenbiller, Mike Linton, Dan Muhlenkamp, Teri Spoltman, John Werling

Members Absent: Mona Berning, Karla Butler

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

Consent Agenda (Attachment):

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Arc Summerfest—June 15—This will be held here on June 15th. Shawn will show Teri where the tent is kept and how to set up the electric. There is always a great attendance at Summerfest.

Autism Resource Fair—It went very well. We had a great turn out. Over 100 people attended, we had 16 vendors. Auglaize County has contacted Beth Gehret and would like to partner with us next year when we have the Autism Fair. The board felt this would be a good idea. Will discuss this further in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Policy 6.01 Expense Reimbursement—The Mercer County Commissioners have approved to increase tipping from 15% to 20% for allowed tipped reimbursement. We usually go with what the County has adopted in their policy. **Motion to Approve Policy 6.01 Expense Reimbursement-- Motion made by Beth Guggenbiller. Seconded by John Werling. Motion Carried.**

Admin Policy 370 PLAY Services—There is some outdated working in the policy. PLAY now extends past the 3 year old mark. **Motion made to approve Policy 370 PLAY Services-- Motion made by Dan Muhlenkamp. Seconded by Mike Linton. Motion Carried.**

Grand Lake Mariners Game---June 26—This is on a Wednesday. Please come out if you can. This is for anyone associated with Mercer County Board of DD. We will have free tickets to get in with a free hot dog and pop. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Board Member Inservice---July 15—It will be here on July 15th. Sarah will be the speaker along with Beth and Westcon. It will be from 5:00—9:00 p.m.

Contract with ESC---this is a funding agreement with ESC, Continuing agreement for education for students in their local school district. Beth Guggenbiller will be abstaining from the vote. The amount has stayed the same for many years. **Motion to Approve Contract between ESC And Mercer County Board of DD—Motion made by Mike Linton. Seconded by John Werling. Motion Carried.**

Contract with Rehabilitation Services—We have a contract with Bob Hibner’s group for OT/PT services. Shawn received the new contract and talked to Bob Hibner. They made some changes to the contract regarding length of the contract. It was a 3 year contract—we had it reduced to a 1 year contract. In January of 2025 we will make this a 2 year contract. As far as compensation, starting in 2025 that shows the increase in compensation for OT/PT Services. There is a non-compete clause—Bob changed it, so it is only 1 year for non-compete (if we needed to hire their employees), **Motion to Approve Contract between Rehabilitation Services and Mercer County Board of DD—Motion made by Dan Muhlenkamp. Seconded by Mike Linton. Motion Carried.**

Superintendent Discussion—

Dayton Childrens Hospital---Briefly discussed that Toledo/Defiance is now the ones we contact for Autism Testing since Dayton Children's has refused to do testing for Mercer County. Dr Mel will be leading a work group hoping to create local Autism resources here. Mercer County Hospital will also be involved in this. The meeting is planned for beginning of June.

OACB Conference—This went well. They had a lot of good information, and we were able to build relationships.

Motion was made to adjourn by Beth Guggenbiller and a second by Dan Muhlenkamp. 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 24, 2024.