

## Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2014

STAR, Inc., 6:00 PM

**Prayer Leader:** Tammy Nelson

**Pledge Leader:** Richard L. Bolin

- 1. Roll Call:** Present were Board President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President J. Michael Thoroughman, Recording Secretary Stephanie Childers, Klaire L. Purtee, C. William Rockwell, Jr., Jeffrey Kleha and Richard L. Bolin.
- 2. Agenda:** The agenda was modified from the one sent in advance of the meeting so that a presentation on the Early Childhood Department's PLAY project would be made earlier in the meeting than originally planned.
- 3. Minutes:** Mr. Kleha made a motion to approve the minutes from the September regular meeting, and the September Ethics Committee meeting. Mr. Bolin seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Special Presentation:** Director of Early Childhood Services Tammy Nelson and Early Intervention (EI) Specialists Michelle Wampler and Shelley Clifford gave a slide presentation about an exciting new approach they are learning for working with young children who have exhibited signs of autism. The method, called PLAY, for Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters, was developed by a physician in Michigan. SCBDD staff has been receiving training from this doctor and his acolytes, who have had documented success with the new methods. Over the next 18 months, the EI staff will be working toward their certification with the help of a number of local families who have agreed to participate. There was some discussion on the topic following the presentation.
- 5. Expense Report:** Director of Finance Matt Purcell noted that his reports for this month encompassed quarterly information on all the programs accounts. He made special mention of the receipt of the second half of the levy revenue, and explained a transfer of funds between accounts that appeared on both the revenue and expenditure reports. Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the fiscal reports, which included a few morals and 'then and now' statements, as well as the docket of expenses. Mrs. Childers offered the second. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 6. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Julie Monroe had prepared a written report. There were no questions or discussion.
- 7. Program Reports:** These reports were sent to board members in advance of the meeting. There were no additions or discussion.

8. **Old Business:** Mrs. Monroe reminded the board members that a number of them still needed to obtain their required training hours for 2014.
9. **Committee Reports:** The Ethics Committee met immediately before this meeting to review one direct service contract. Chairman Kleha announced that there were no known conflicting interests. He made the motion to approve the contract. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
10. **New Business:**
  - A. **Policy Review:** Mrs. Monroe brought two policies to the Board for an annual review. She had no changes to propose. These policies were 3.04.01 Standards of Conduct and 3.04.02 Progressive Discipline. Mr. Rockwell made the motion to consider these policies reviewed. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. For the future, Mrs. Monroe said she would conduct research to see if it was acceptable by CARF standards for the Policy Committee, rather than the full Board, take on the work of reviewing policies, in order to expedite the process.
  - B. **Report on Salary Systems:** Mrs. Monroe presented information that she and Finance Director Matt Purcell had gathered regarding salary systems currently in use in the DD field. They had prepared a document that included a brief history of how SCBDD had evolved into using a range system, rather than a traditional school-based step system. Mr. Kleha made a motion to accept the information as received, without action, noting that the agency's salary system would remain under review. Mrs. Childers seconded. There was some discussion of the merits and deficits of various systems. The motion to take no action at this time was approved unanimously.
  - C. **Preschool Discussion:** The many implications of a change in the funding for preschool services for children with disabilities were discussed. Parent Kelly Johnson, West Portsmouth, as well as Preschool Team Leader Regina Speas and Early Childhood Director Tammy Nelson were all recognized by President Barnett, and subsequently took part in the discussion. Ms. Johnson spoke passionately about the benefits her child has received while attending Carousel Preschool. A motion to make public statement this month was withdrawn during the dialog. It is anticipated that the discussion will continue at next month's meeting.
11. **Miscellaneous:** Mrs. Monroe drew the Board's attention to a request from the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Disabilities (OACB) that one member of each county board be designated an "Advocacy Chair." The matter was taken under advisement.
12. **Comments from the Floor:** None
13. **Adjournment:** Before the Board adjourned, Mr. Barnett announced that a Finance Committee meeting would be held Monday, November 10 at 4:15 in the STAR, Inc. building.

Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary

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