

**Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 21, 2021**  
*STAR, Inc. @ 5:00 P.M.*

*A moment of silence was observed for SSA Manager Joy Copen's father, William McVey, who recently passed away. SCDD offers sincere condolences to Joy and the McVey family.*

1. **Prayer & Pledge:** Cindy Gibson offered the prayer and Jon Peters led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Acting President Michael Arnett, Recording Secretary Jeffrey Kleha, Cindy Gibson, Anthony Mantell, Jon Peters and Ellen Murray. William Adams joined the meeting at approximately 5:10 P.M.
3. **Agenda:** No changes as presented
4. **Minutes:** Minutes for the regular meeting conducted on 9/16/21 were approved collectively on a motion made by Peters and seconded by Murray. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Expenses and Fiscal Report:** Superintendent Matthew Purcell reporting for Finance Director Lynne Webb. The Board signed four *Moral Obligations*. Purcell stated the month of September started with roughly \$10.7 million and ended with just over \$10 million after revenue and expenditures. He noted the quarterly match invoice of almost a quarter of a million dollars had been paid from the General Fund. Purcell commented in comparing the budget with the five-year forecast, numbers were trending favorably. Mantell made a motion to accept the written and oral report, and it was seconded by Gibson. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
6. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Matt Purcell reporting. Purcell stated although there would not be a training following the meeting, he would have trainings scheduled for those Board members who need them to complete their four mandated hours before the end of the year.

Purcell gave an update on the possibility of VRS moving to a new, more modern, one-level facility in Sciotoville. He stated he had met with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Board members of Portsmouth City Schools with very positive responses. Purcell stated the next step would be to meet with the County Commissioners to present the idea to them. It was also noted many more discussions and meetings would be in order before moving forward with this concept. He stated this move would only be for the actual school facility, and as of now, no plans have been comprised for the locale of administration and SSA's, or for the use of the VRS building if the school is relocated. It was also noted a Facilities Committee meeting would likely be needed soon for further discussion. It was reiterated this was only a concept and no decisions have been made.

7. **Program Reports:** The program reports were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. Arnett thanked the Directors for their reports which provides key information to the Board members on the programs. There were no comments or questions regarding the reports.
8. **Committee Reports: Ethics Council:** J. Kleha, Chair – The Ethics Council met this evening to discuss two Direct Service contracts. No conflict was noted, and Chair Kleha made a motion to approve the contracts. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
9. **Old Business:** None
10. **New Business:**
  - A. **Discuss extension of COVID Relief Fund for ADS in Scioto County.** Purcell recommended approval for the extension of the SCDD COVID relief fund for Adult Day Services in Scioto County to be carried through the end of the calendar year. He commented although ADS facilities were now “up and running” as restrictions have been lifted, most would still benefit from assistance. He noted this recommendation was inadvertently left off last month’s agenda, and payment would need to be retroactive for September. He also noted payment for the December 2021 bill would be made in 2022. Purcell stated typically \$50,000 was the appropriation for the funding, with a not to exceed amount in place. There was discussion regarding the total amount dispersed and reimbursed, how the funding is used, and the impact on the individuals attending ADS. Adams made the motion to approve the recommendation and it was seconded by Mantell. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
  - B. **Discuss health insurance plan and employee HRA**
    - Purcell stated he had made the decision to stay with the current carrier, Anthem, after receiving their offer. Anthem originally offered a 14.4% increase (SCDD budgets 15%) but reduced the increase to 5% on the premium after negotiations. Purcell recommended the 5% increase be applied equally between the Board and the employee, maintaining the percentages of 86.4% paid by SCDD and 13.6% paid by employees. It was also noted the coverage and deductible did not change.
    - The current Board funded HRA offers \$2250 for single, and \$4500 for families to assist in paying the high deductible of the health plan. Purcell noted average use of the total fund is roughly 60%.
    - Following brief discussion, Gibson made a motion to approve the Board and employee share the 5% increase equally, and the HRA amount remain unchanged. Murray seconded the motion and the motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
  - C. **Select Delegate Assembly Representative:** Purcell noted a Delegate was needed to represent SCDD at OACB conferences. He stated he had been the Delegate in the past and was willing to do so again. It was noted Mike Arnett would be alternate Delegate.

On a motion made by Kleha and seconded by Mantell, it was agreed Purcell would be the Delegate and Arnett the alternate. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. Distribute Annual Report for review:** The Board was given the Annual Report for review. The report will be up for approval at the November meeting.

**11. Other:** None

**12. Comments from the floor:** None

**13. Executive Session:** The Board entered Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings – Exceptions (G) (1), to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee at 5:48 P.M. on a motion made by Adams and seconded by Mantell. The motion carried unanimously.

*\*\* It was noted the reason to enter into Executive Session was not fully specified during audio recording, so another motion was made by Gibson and seconded by Mantell to enter into Executive Session at approximately 6:00 P.M., after the reason was completely stated. The motion carried unanimously \*\**

**14. Adjournment:** The Board returned to regular session at 6:15 P.M. No action was taken. On a motion made by Kleha and seconded by Mantell, the Board adjourned at 6:16 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by:  
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Recording Secretary