

Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2012 at STAR, Inc.

6:00 p.m.

Prayer leader: Joe Bruch, Calvary Chapel, Portsmouth

Pledge leader: Richard Bolin

1. **Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President J. Michael Thoroughman, Klaire Purtee, Jeffrey Kleha, C. William Rockwell, Jr., and Richard L. Bolin. Absent and excused was Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary.
2. **Agenda:** Superintendent James C. Krumer asked for a few changes to the tentative agenda sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Those changes were to add an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the contract of a public employee, to add a resolution for Choice Housing, Inc., and for Service and Supported Administration Donna Royse make some comments concerning her report.
3. **Minutes:** Mr. Kleha made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
4. **Expenses and Fiscal Report:** Director Matt Purcell reporting

Mr. Purcell reviewed the General Fund Cash Flow Statement. Reminding board members that he had spoken of a potential short fall in the past, Mr. Purcell proceeded to request that the Board approve an appropriation for additional \$650,000 into the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2012. The reasons for this included: the expansion of adult services, additional contract services costs, and to prepare for 2013 costs that might have to be paid in 2012. One such up-front payment may be required, if a new health insurance carrier is chosen. Also, the deposit for employees' Health Reimbursement Accounts must be made early because no payments are issued from the County Auditor's office between mid-December through mid-January.

Although, \$650,000 is a large sum, Mr. Purcell explained that it is actually about a six percent increase over the budget amount originally appropriated. These funds have already been figured into the five-year forecast. Mr. Purcell explained that he had been moving funds between line items for some time to forestall having to make this request, at the behest of the Auditor's office. Some of this new allocation will go to refund line items that have been used to fill the gap during that past three months.

At this point, Mr. Krumer expounded on the high costs of employee health insurance. In 2007, when the Board chose to go with high-deductible health plans and Health Savings Accounts, the cost was around \$1.3 million. Currently, by keeping the high-deductible plans and switching to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, the cost is around \$1.4 million. However, after these past five years of small increases, brokers are once again predicting double-digit increases for 2013 and the years to come. Mr. Purcell and Mr. Krumer are looking for ways to prevent paying a predicted 30 percent increase, but it may be unavoidable, at least for next year.

Mr. Thoroughman made the motion for an additional \$650,000 to be appropriated for the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2012. Mr. Rockwell seconded. There was some discussion on the issue, but the motion was approved in a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bolin then made a motion to approve the expenses as received, in addition to the 'Then and Now' statements and moral obligations. Mrs. Purtee offered the second. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Report: James C. Krumer reporting

Mr. Krumer's raised the actions needed regarding the upcoming Ohio Association of County Boards annual delegate assembly. The Board is expected to send a delegate and choose an alternate, should something happen that the delegate cannot attend. Mr. Krumer, with Mr. Thoroughman's assent, suggested that Mr. Thoroughman serve as the delegate, since he was already planning to attend the conference and is a candidate for OACB Board of Trustees election which is part of the Delegate Assembly. Mr. Krumer offered to serve as alternate since he would also be at the conference. There was some discussion and then Mr. Rockwell made the motion that Mr. Thoroughman serve as the delegate. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved with Mr. Thoroughman abstaining.

After additional discussion, Mr. Thoroughman made the motion that Mr. Krumer serve as the alternate. Mr. Kleha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

There are five resolutions that have been proposed for consideration during the assembly and today additional changes to the Association's by-laws were received. Mr. Krumer reviewed them briefly. As a delegate, Mr. Thoroughman would be voting on these issues. Mr. Kleha made the motion that the delegate be authorized to vote as he sees fit. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved in a unanimous vote.

6. Program Reports: There were no questions on the reports submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Barnett thanked everyone who submitted one, remarking that he, speaking personally, really appreciated the work that goes into them.

Mr. Krumer asked the board members to consider the amount of detail they want in the reports from the directors and give him some feedback on the subject in the future.

Service and Support Administration Director Donna Royse, distributed her written report and then spoke briefly about the new Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver (SELF) waiver. The Ohio Department of DD (DoDD) has agreed to pay the match for two SELF waivers for tax poor counties. These are to be assigned to children with intensive behavioral needs (CIBN). In an effort to be fair and still reach the children who need it most, criteria have been developed for choosing these two recipients. First, the child must be involved with multiple service systems which are struggling to serve him/her. Second, the child must meet the definition of CIBN established by DoDD. And finally, the child must already be on our waiting list for waiver

services. Several children have already been identified as potential candidates. The Service and Support Administrators (SSAs) will begin assessing these children in the order they appear on the waiting list. If there are not two children meeting these criteria whose families want the waiver, then then children with which one service system is struggling to serve will be considered. Mrs. Royse indicated that two children should be ready for enrollment by December 31, 2012. There was some discussion on the issue.

7. Old Business: None

8. Committee Reports: None

9. New Business:

A. Direct Service Contracts: There were six contracts for respite services and one for transportation reimbursement. Mrs. Royse assured the Board that all had passed the ethics test and that there were no known conflicting interests. Also, funds were available from the Family Support Services Program fund to meet these obligations. Mr. Bolin made the motion to approve the contracts. Mr. Kleha seconded. There was some discussion about who should sign the documents, since there the whole board serves as the Ethics Council. It was decided that three board members and Mr. Krumer would sign them.

B. Title XX Policy Amendment: Mr. Purcell explained that the Board has the opportunity to pursue additional reimbursement from the federal government for early childhood intervention services. Our current policy on this federal funding stream limits us to reimbursement for transportation services only. Amendments have been proposed to the policy to add the EI services, and a few other small updates have been made. Mr. Thoroughman made the motion amended the policy as recommended. Mrs. Purtee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously and the change is effective immediately.

C. Choice Housing resolution: Last month the Board voted to release its hold on the Choice Housing property on Eighth Street in Portsmouth, so that the property could be sold. Adult Services Director, Kelly Hunter, explained that buyer's attorney has since requested a notarized document stating the same thing. In the event that Mr. Barnett was unable to attend this meeting and sign the document for the buyer, a resolution had been prepared which would authorize Mr. Krumer to sign the buyer's document. However, since Mr. Barnett was able to be at this meeting, and is already authorized to sign, no action was taken on the proposed resolution.

10. Miscellaneous: None

11. Comments from the Floor: None

- 12. Executive Session:** Mr. Kleha made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss the contract of a public employee. Mrs. Purtee offered the second. The motion was approved in a unanimous roll call vote. The Board resumed open session at 7:22 p.m.

- 13. Actions Following Executive Session:** There was some discussion about the next board meeting falling only three days before Christmas. Mr. Kleha made the motion that the meeting be moved one week earlier, December 13. The time of 6:00 p.m. would remain the same, as would the location as STAR, Inc. Mr. Bolin seconded. Mr. Barnett asked that the Directors make a special effort to attend. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 14. Adjourn:** Mr. Bolin made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board adjourned around 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by Margaret Compton with additional notes from Klaire Purtee and Jim Krumer

Submitted Respectfully by:

Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary