

**Scioto County Developmental Disabilities
Board Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019**

STAR, Inc. @ 4:45 P.M.

Prayer & Pledge – Matt Purcell

1. **Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney Barnett, Vice-President J. Michael Thoroughman, Recording Secretary Michael Arnett, C. William Rockwell, Jr., and Jeffrey Kleha. Richard Bolin was absent and excused due to an extended illness. Cindy Gibson was absent.
2. **Agenda:** Superintendent Matt Purcell requested an Executive Session be added to the agenda *in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings – Exceptions (G) (1), the Board will enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of a public employee(s) or official.* There were no objections.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes for the October Board meeting and the Ethics Committee meeting, conducted on October 19, were both approved on a motion made by Rockwell and seconded by Thoroughman. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Expenses and Fiscal Report:** Finance Director Lynne Webb reporting. Webb thanked the Board for signing two *Moral Obligations* and 17 *Then and Now* certificates. She stated October started with roughly \$6.5 million and ended with slightly over \$5.9 million after revenue and expenditures. There were no questions or concerns. Thoroughman made a motion to approve the written and oral report, and it was seconded by Rockwell. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
5. **Superintendent’s Report:** Superintendent Matt Purcell reporting. Purcell informed the Board the new VRS secretary, and five new SSA’s will be introduced at December’s Board meeting.
6. **Program Reports:** The Program reports were submitted to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Barnett thanked the Director’s and the Community Relations Coordinator for their reports. There were no questions or comments.
7. **Committee Reports:** *Ethics Committee – J. Kleha, Chair.* There was no Ethics Committee meeting this month.
8. **Old Business:** Discussion of remaining Board training for those members in need of additional hours. It was determined three members have outstanding training hours that must be completed by December 31 to fulfil the mandated requirements for trainings. Purcell stated the Board members would be contacted soon to schedule the needed time, which will be completed during the day in the VRS meeting room, if possible.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Recommend approval of Levy Resolution:** Purcell stated he had met with the Commissioners earlier this month and discussed a levy renewal for 2020. The Commissioners stated they understood the need for the renewal, and SCDD operating

costs were set at an appropriate amount to warrant that need. Purcell elaborated on the five year forecasts explaining scenarios with and without the levy renewal. Purcell noted that although the current fund balance is healthy, it will be depleted by 2021-2022 without levy funding. This data is based on SCDD's financial history and new five-year forecast projections.

There was discussion among the Board regarding the timeframe for the levy renewal and how it would affect taxpayers. It was agreed the levy should be on the March 2020 ballot, as a continuing renewal so it does not cost taxpayers additional monies. Further comments were noted including the individual's served complex and ever-changing needs as they age, striving to sustain current services and expand services without cost increase, responsibility of rising waiver costs, and having information readily available for taxpayer questions.

The Board agreed to adopt Resolution 2019-01.01 – *Concerning a County Levy for 1.95 Mill for the Operating Expenses of the Programs, Services and Facilities of the SCDD*, and to request the County Commissioners to place the renewal and continuation of a 1.95 mill tax levy on the March 17, 2020 ballot. Kleha made a motion to approve the Resolution and it was seconded by Thoroughman. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. ***Review of Focus Groups feedback:*** The Board was given a compilation of responses to seven questions from four recently conducted focus groups; (1) Individuals and Families, (2) Board and Administration, (3) VRS staff, and (4) Community Partners. The *EI/Help Me Grow Director* is in progress of gathering additional insight from area pediatricians. The sessions were facilitated by Treva Williams, OSU Extension. Purcell explained the feedback from these groups will be used in creating the mandated three-year Strategic Plan for 2020, and an Annual Action Plan. He added he would be working on sending follow up thank you letters to the participants, along with a one or two question survey, asking them what they hoped the outcome of the focus groups would be.
- C. ***Recommend approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Tool:*** This will be addressed in Executive Session.
- D. ***Health Insurance information updates:*** Purcell reviewed the information from last month's meeting regarding United Health Care's unacceptable 34% increase in costs. He reminded the Board that employees were asked to complete an on-line medical history questionnaire via FormFire, and that information was consolidated and sent out to various carriers to determine a more reasonable rate for the organization. Anthem responded with a bid at 14.99% over SCDD's current rate with UHC, which is a significant improvement over UHC 34% increase, and within the amount budgeted. Purcell noted this information was passed to UHC to see if they would respond with a lower rate. He and Finance Director Webb were meeting with the insurance brokers on Friday to discuss bids. Purcell asked if the Board would approve authorizing him to move forward with a carrier's bid amount not to exceed 14.99% over the current rates. Open enrollment for health insurance takes place the third week of December and a provider must be established by that time. Rockwell confirmed the authorization was only to accept the carrier, and the plan details, employee/Board share, HRA amount, etc. will be determined with Board approval. Kleha made a motion to approve authorizing Purcell to move forward with a carrier and it was seconded by Arnett. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

10. **Other:** None

11. **Comments from the floor:** There were no comments from the floor

12. **Executive Session:** In accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings – *Exceptions (G) (1)*, the Board will enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of a public employee(s) or official, the Board entered Executive Session at 5:35 pm on a motion made by Kleha and seconded by Arnett. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:10 PM on a motion made by Rockwell and seconded by Thoroughman. The motion carried. Rockwell then made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s contract for three years at his current salary. Thoroughman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

13. **Adjournment:** On a motion made by Thoroughman and seconded by Kleha, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by:
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Board Clerk

Respectfully Submitted by:
Michael Arnett
Recording Secretary