

Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Prayer Leader: Evan Fisher

Pledge Leader: Richard L. Bolin

- 1. Roll Call:** Present were President Rodney H. Barnett, Vice President J. Michael Thoroughman, Recording Secretary Stephanie Childers, Klaire Purtee, C. William Rockwell, Jr., Jeffrey Kleha, and Richard L. Bolin.
- 2. Agenda:** Mr. Kleha made the motion to approve the agenda as received. Mrs. Childers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. Minutes:** Mr. Kleha made the motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting and three committee meetings that were held earlier this month. Mr. Bolin offered the second. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Expenses:** Director of Finance, Matt Purcell reporting

Mr. Purcell presented the Board with “then and now” statements, moral obligations and the docket of expenses. He then reviewed the General Fund monthly expenditures and revenue reports. He highlighted the contract services expense line, noting that two payments were made in one month to the Board’s transportation contractor. This company, formerly known as Petermann, Ltd. is now owned by National Express. He also noted that funds from Medicaid and the Department of Education had been received. In addition, a Trust Fund report was distributed.

A letter from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council had been received by Mr. Purcell announcing that a group of local entities, including the Scioto County Board of DD and STAR, Inc., have been awarded a grant to pay for the development of a coordinated transportation plan. There will be public meetings to gather input from the community to help assess transportation needs. The first one will be held April 3. The development of this plan will allow the entities to apply from additional funding sources and in doing so, assist not only the people served by the Board but many others in Scioto County.

Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the fiscal report. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 5. Superintendent’s Report:** James Krumer reporting
Mrs. Purtee made the motion to approve the superintendent’s report. Mr. Kleha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. It consisted of the following:

- A. Pete Moore, a speaker/facilitator from the Ohio Association of County Boards, is prepared to lead an inservice for the board members. His availability was discussed. Mr. Barnett volunteered to achieve a consensus on the date and let Mr. Krumer know.
- B. Shawn Jordan, Awareness Coordinator, as well as all the staff and consumers who participated, were commended for the production of a video, "The Scioto DD Shake", which is gaining popularity on YouTube and bringing attending to the Board's Facebook page. This follows on the heels of an internet sensation called "The Harlem Shake." It has also inspired a number of other county boards to do their own videos, all in fun, as part of DD Awareness Month.
- C. The Hardwood Heroes Special Olympics event is planned for April 6. Board member Jeff Kleha will be one of the celebrities playing basketball that day at Shawnee State University.
- D. Ms. Jordan was also one of two SCBDD employees presented with Ohio Public Images Awards at a recent ceremony. She received an award of merit for her work publicizing the 2012 Hardwood Heroes event. Kelly Hunter, Adult Services Director, received an award of excellence for a video news story on a fundraiser consumers from STAR/SCBDD had for the Otway Volunteer Fire Department.
- E. The Board of County Commissioners prepared a proclamation for March as DD Awareness Month in Scioto County. The document is featured in a photo along with adult consumers and the Commissioners which has been sent to local media.
- F. Mr. Krumer attended the recent Superintendents' Association conference where Ohio Department of DD Director John Martin gave a presentation. Copies of the slides from this talk were distributed to board members. Highlights included the director posing the question: Is it time to change? Mr. Krumer noted that looking at changing the system holistically was an unusual approach. Typically particular issues are addressed without full consideration being given to the ripple effects of each separate alteration in our system.
- G. The recent Ohio Public Employees Retirement System decision to require all public employers to contact former contract employees to assess if they were actually regular public employees and due pensions has been put on hold. An attempt to stop this mandate through legislation is being undertaken, with proponents citing undue hardship because of the potential financial liability.
- H. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Mr. Krumer also noted that the Ohio Department of Mental Health has been placed under the same umbrella as Ohio Department of Alcohol and

Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS). However, there are no indications that the Ohio Department of DD is in jeopardy of losing its autonomy.

- b. The impact of managed care on state systems, such the DD system, is being studied.

- 6. Program Reports:** President Barnett thanked the administrative team for their reports and expressed his appreciation for the work that goes into them. Although given the opportunity, the team made no additions to their previously submitted information.

Mr. Barnett indicated that Mr. Krumer was willing to prepare written reports for the Board in the future. Mr. Krumer encouraged the board members to ask questions about information presented in written and oral formats.

Mr. Bolin made the motion to approve the program reports. Mrs. Childers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 7. Old Business:** None

8. Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: Chairman Thoroughman reported that the Committee had determined its function and the frequency of meetings. It was also suggested that the Board approve the purchase of a van for use by the Adult Services program. Mr. Rockwell made the motion to accept the Finance Committee Report. Mrs. Childers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Policy Committee: Chairman Kleha reported that the Committee had determined its function and reviewed a number of policies, some for amendment, others for abolishment. Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to accept the chairman's report. Mr. Bolin seconded.

In answer to a question, Mr. Barnett explained that the acceptance of a report is to be interpreted as approval of whatever suggestions the Committee made that were part of that report.

- C. Personnel Committee: Chairman Bolin reported that the Committee had met and determined its functions and decided to meet at least quarterly and as needed. The Committee reviewed a proposal from the Early Childhood director to reduce the Early Intervention/Transition Specialist position to part-time and recommended its approval. Mrs. Childers made the motion to accept the Committee's report. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. New Business:

- A. Direct Service Contracts: Mr. Kleha reported that the Ethics Committee had met and reviewed two direct service contracts. These were recommended for approval. Mr. Rockwell made the motion. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee: Mr. Krumer explained that through his discussions with board members he has learned that new facilities are desired. To investigate this idea, Mr. Krumer is requesting the creation of an ad hoc committee. Mr. Rockwell made the motion, which also stipulated that the Facilities Committee would be core members of the ad hoc committee. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Miscellaneous: Roxanna Redoutey, new general manager for National Express, introduced herself to the Board.

11. Comments from the Floor: None

12. Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by Margaret Compton

Submitted by:

Stephanie Childers,
Recording Secretary