

**Scioto County Board of DD Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2013**

STAR, Inc. 7:00PM

Prayer Leader: Larry Moore of South Webster Methodist Church

Pledge Leader: Richard 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., and Richard L. Bolin. Jeff Kleha was absent.
2. **Minutes:** Mr. Rockwell made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 21 Ethics Committee meeting, the March 21 Board meeting, and the April 10 Personnel Committee meeting. Mr. Thoroughman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. **New Staff Member:** Superintendent James Krumer introduced the new Maintenance and Repair Worker 2 to the Board. Jason Chaffin began work mid-March. He explained some of his previous work experience and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for them.
4. **Comments from the Floor:** Julie Jewett, parent of an adult consumer, asked to speak to the Board regarding a recent experience she and her child had had. She expressed that she agreed to admit her son to a placement against her better judgment and the advice of a doctor, because she felt she had no other options. She also stated that the placement stay did not benefit her son, and gave details of the event and some of the aftermath. She stated that her purpose in speaking at this meeting was to insure that this did not happen to another family. After Mrs. Jewett finished speaking, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Krumer all apologized to Mrs. Jewett for what she has been through and expressed concern for her and her child, expressing the feelings of the entire Board. They then pledged to take action to prevent this type of situation from occurring in the future.
5. **Fiscal Report:** Matt Purcell Reporting  
Mr. Purcell had sent the Board the General Fund revenue and expenditure reports, the Capital Fund report and the Residential Fund report. He distributed the Trust Fund report at the meeting. The docket of expenses, and a few 'then and now' requests, were also presented for approval. Mr. Bolin made the motion to approve the report as received. Mrs. Childers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Superintendent's Report:** James Krumer Reporting  
Mrs. Purtee made the motion to approve the superintendent's report as received. Mrs. Childers seconded. The motion was adopted in a unanimous vote. Along with a written report, Mr. Krumer talked about the following:
  - A. **Board Retreat:** It was agreed that a representative of the Ohio Association of County Boards will present to board members on Saturday, April 27 from 9 AM to 1 PM at The Carousel Center.
  - B. **SEC Meeting:** At the meeting of the Superintendents' Executive Council last Friday, Mr. Krumer learned that \$2 million had been added to the draft of the state budget for the

Employment First initiative and that a rule change had been proposed to allow board members in special circumstances to serve beyond the current 12-year limit.

- C. Hot Topics: Mr. Krumer offered to send emails on important, fast-changing topics to board members as he gets them rather than saving them up for his monthly report. Mrs. Childers thanked Mr. Krumer for the written report he had done this month and Mr. Rockwell encouraged Mr. Krumer to continue sharing late breaking news with the Board during meetings. Mr. Krumer encouraged board members to ask questions about the information they are given.

- 7. **Program Reports:** Written reports were submitted in advance to the board members by members of the leadership team for which they were thanked by Mr. Barnett. Shawn Jordan added to her written report by explaining that the new employee orientation process is being revitalized. It is Ms. Jordan's hope that board members will take turns attending the monthly sessions to meet the new employees and explain a bit about the Board. Mr. Rockwell volunteered to attend the April 29 orientation. After some discussion it was also recommended that new employees attend the first board meeting after their orientation to meet the other board members.

Ms. Jordan then asked board members to refer names to her of people who may be interested in helping operate a new fundraising not-for-profit organization that has been conceived. Under the working title of "Friends of Scioto DD" it is proposed that this group of hard-working and dedicated individuals would help fund activities and needs that are not appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars, such as contributions to levy campaigns, employee appreciation events, etc.

- 8. **Old Business:** At the time of mailing, the pre-meeting information packet contained a request for a resolution regarding a van purchase the Board had already approved. After additional consultation, it was learned that no further action is required of this Board.

9. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Personnel Committee: Rick Bolin, Chair  
The Committee met 4/10/2013. There were no recommendations requiring action from the full board.
- B. Finance Committee: Mike Thoroughman, Chair  
The Committee met 4/15/2013. There were no recommendations requiring action from the full board.
- C. Facilities Committee: Bill Rockwell, Chair  
The Committee met 4/15/2013. There were no recommendations requiring action from the full board.
- D. Ethics Committee: Stephanie Childers, acting chair  
The committee met immediately before this meeting to reviewed two supported living contracts and, determining there were no conflicting interests, recommended the Board approve the contracts. Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to approve the reports from the four committees. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved. It was then made clear that the motion included approval of the direct service contracts.

- 10. New Business:** Because the Board is obligated to have an interest in all Choice Housing properties purchased with Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Capital Assistance money, the Board is required to approve a formal resolution releasing these properties before they can be sold. Mr. Krumer read the resolution aloud regarding the sale of just such a property on Jackson Street in Portsmouth. Mrs. Childers made the motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Rockwell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 11. Miscellaneous:** None
- 12. Comments from the Floor:** Mrs. Childers asked that a committee investigate Mrs. Jewett's complaint and report back the Board at the May meeting. Mr. Krumer responded that he is already investigating and would report as requested.
- 13. Adjournment:** Mr. Thoroughman made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Mr. Bolin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Prepared by Margaret Compton

Submitted by

Stephanie Childers, Recording Secretary