

Scioto County Board of DD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2013 in Room 210 of Vern Riffe School

5:34 PM

1. **Roll Call:** Present were Finance Committee members J. Michael Thoroughman (Chair), Klaire L. Purtee and Rodney H. Barnett. Attending *ex-officio* were Superintendent James Krumer, Director of Finance Matt Purcell, Director of Adult Services Kelly Hunter and Board Member Richard L. Bolin.

2. **Discussion:** STAR, Inc. Transportation Proposal

Kelly Hunter distributed a document entitled: STAR Inc. Transportation Service Proposal for Scioto County Board of DD, dated 8/29/2013 and marked as a first draft. The document included an overview of current service, an outline of current capacity, a section on the basic service capacity for fall 2013, cost estimates and a list of considerations.

There was a lengthy discussion during which the request for proposals for transportation services that had been approved by the Commissioners earlier in the day was a feature. Mr. Purcell and Mr. Hunter also offered discourse on the on-going plans for the development of a countywide transportation plan. Both of these topics were considered for the impact they may have on any proposal made by STAR, Inc.

It was clear that this was just the first of many conversations and that there was much to be considered before any recommendations could come from this Committee.

3. **Discussion:** STAR, Inc. Privatization Options

The purpose of this discussion was to take the first small steps toward the eventual development of a plan to move the County Board into compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.0221. This law says that the County Board cannot employ people who also work for an entity contracting with the County Board. Scioto County Board is in conflict with that law because of its current arrangement with STAR, Inc. To start the conversation for this meeting, Mr. Hunter distributed a document, entitled: 'Adult Services Privatization Key Elements and Considerations.' This handout was dated 8/29/2013 and marked as a first draft.

During this discussion, Mr. Krumer stressed that this was the first of many meetings which needed to occur on this topic because there are such a great number of stakeholders, variables and intricacies to consider. He also noted that all options are on the table for exploration. To that end, Mr. Purcell had prepared a draft document that showed how much it would cost the County Board to reverse the privatization process begun in 2011. For just over \$250,000 annually the Board could choose to add all positions directly involved in providing adult day services (ADS) to the Table of Organization once again.

The conversation covered a number of topics including staffing, billing, and payment schedules, making to clear that there were more questions than answers at this stage. One thing that was agreed upon was that it would be best to involve representatives of the STAR, Inc. Board of Trustees in the discussion as soon as the next Finance Committee meeting. This would allow everyone involved to arrive at a clear understanding of the current position of STAR, Inc. and adult day services, as well as come to a consensus on the direction the plan needs to go. The SCBDD administrators present felt the next Committee meeting should be held before the September Scioto County Board of DD meeting. Their sense of urgency stems from the need to be able to make good decisions and operate the program successfully on a daily basis, while the larger plan is being developed. This was agreeable to everyone present.

4. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Submitted by:

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