Scioto County Developmental Disabilities
Board Meeting
@ Carousel Center Conference Room
Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Minutes

1. ***Prayer & Pledge*:** Cindy Gibson offered the prayer and Jon Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ***Roll Call*:** Present were Board President Michael Arnett, Vice-President Anthony Mantell, Recording Secretary Cindy Gibson, Adrienne Buckler-Callihan, Jon Peters, Ellen Murray and William Adams.

3. ***Agenda*:** No changes as presented**.**

4. ***Minutes*:** Discuss/Vote on the Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting and the April Board Meeting Minutes, both conducted on 4/17/25. On a motion made by Peters and seconded by Murray, the Minutes were approved collectively. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

5. ***Expenses and Fiscal Report*:** Finance Director Steve Sowkulech reporting.
Sowkulech reported the year-to-date balance as of 4/30/25 was slightly over $4.1 million. Following expenditures and revenue, the ending balance was $4,856, 662.88. There were no questions or comments regarding the report. Buckler-Callihan made the motion to approve the written and oral report and it was seconded by Adams. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

6. ***Superintendent's Report*:** Superintendent Matt Purcell reporting. Purcell thanked everyone for their participation efforts, and selfless dedication during the levy campaign. He noted Board members and all levels of staff volunteered their free time in making the levy outcome a huge success. SCDD is exceedingly grateful to everyone who worked during the campaign, and of course, those who voted "yes" on the levy renewal.

   He also updated the Board on the following:
   - **Accreditation** - DoDD will be here in September for our accreditation (compliance) review. Although we will be tested against "minimal" compliance, that itself is extremely thorough and requires an abundance of prep work. Purcell stated the Board would receive invitations to various meetings during the review, and may be particularly interested in the exit interview.
   - **The House has passed their version of the budget bill**, which is inclusive of roughly $700 billion in cuts to the Medicaid program. Although there is always a possibility this could affect DD programs, there is no current direct indication we will be affected, as the indicators are outside our service system. The bill still has to go to the Senate, and be signed by the President.
   - **VRS Graduation is Friday**, May 23 at 12:30 PM, with nine graduates getting their diploma this year. The students and staff are very excited to have two Board members, President Michael Arnett and member William Adams speaking at the ceremony. Purcell reminded other Board members they were welcome to attend.

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7. ***Program Reports*:** Arnett thanked the Directors for providing their reports and keeping them updated with valuable information and insights regarding their programs.

8. ***Committee Reports***: Ethics Council, *Adrienne Buckler-Callihan, Chair*. The Council met at 4:45 P.M. One Direct Service contract was reviewed by the Ethics Council with no conflicts found. Buckler-Callihan made the motion to approve the contract and it was seconded by Gibson. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

9. ***Old Business***: A Board member training conducted by SSA Director Chad Phipps will follow this meeting. The topic is ***"Waiting Lists and Waivers"*** and will satisfy one hour of the four required for Board members.

10. ***New Business***:

A. Review/Vote on revised ***Policy 3.05.08 - Holidays.*** The Board received the updated policy for review. It was noted *Juneteenth*, celebrated on June 19th, was recognized as a county holiday a few years ago. It had since been included on the calendars, but had not yet been incorporated in the Holidays Policy. Mantell made a motion to include Juneteenth in Policy 3.05.08 and it was seconded by Buckler-Callihan. The motion passed six to one with the following action:

Mantell - **YES**	Murray - **YES**	Arnett - **NO**
Gibson - **YES**	Peters - **YES**	
Buckler-Callihan - **YES**	Adams - **YES**	

B. Review/Vote on revised Policy 3.05.10 - ***Health Insurance Opt-Out***

Purcell stated the Board approved an Insurance Opt-Out policy several years ago to compensate employees at a certain rate who did not take SCDD's health insurance. He continued a family plan, including the HRA benefit, costs the Board approximately $33,500. The incentive was recently increased from $1500 to $3000 in an effort to encourage employees who have access to health insurance elsewhere, to decline insurance through SCDD, since the incentive was put in place opt-out's have increased from 4 to 11. Following further discussion, Mantell made the motion to that (1) The incentive amount will be set and approved by the Board and be subject to change at any time with Board approval and (2) The incentive will be paid to the employee before the end of February the following year. Gibson seconded the motion, and the motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote. It was also noted the amount will stay at what it is currently set as, until there is a need/reason to change.

11. ***Other***: None

12. ***Comments from the Floor*:** Speakers are required to state their name and address for the record. Additional speaking rules are on the back of the public agenda. There were no comments from the floor

13. ***Adjournment:*** On a motion made by Peters and seconded by Adams the Board adjourned at 5:18 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cindy Gibson, Recording Secretary

Minutes Prepared by:
Carla Selby, Board Clerk

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Signature

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