

## Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Via Zoom/In Person

The June 17, 2021 Regular Board meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**Roll call:** Pam Miller, Tiffany Straley, Joe Cramer (excused), Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez, Cheryl Farley, and Kevin Albright.

**Guests Present:** None

### Agenda

To approve the June 17, 2021 meeting agenda:

**Motion: 34**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Minutes

To approve the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes:

**Motion: 35**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Financial Reports

To approve the May 2021 financial reports:

**Motion: 36**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Tiffany Straley**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Superintendent Report

1. Paulding County Board of DD began moving furniture, files and other items from ParcLane to the Fritz House. The architect/designer is expected to have a preliminary plan for the new site soon.
2. The most recent version of the state's budget bill includes a state-funded Medicaid reimbursement rate increase for all Medicaid settings. The proposed two-year budget for state fiscal years 2022 and 2023 would raise the reimbursement rate by 2% per year in each year of the biennium. While the increase that has been amended into the budget is less than the 5% per year initially requested by stakeholders, the OACB and other coalition members applauded the lawmaker's recognition of the system's urgent need to address the DSP workforce crisis. The hope is that the increase will be included in the final state budget.
3. Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council is sponsoring, on behalf of member counties, a Provider Appreciation event to be held Tuesday June 15 in Defiance. Food trucks will be providing lunch and attendees will have opportunities to win gift cards.
4. Plans are being made to begin the process of returning to the workplace. Currently County Board staff are following a hybrid model with individuals working in person and at home. An effort has been made to schedule staff in shifts that provide for their health and safety. With most staff having received vaccinations and the county and state numbers of positive tests on decline things appear positive for return to work this summer. This will be dependent on availability of space in the new building.
5. Early Intervention has begun returning to in home visits. Staff are working with families as this process unfolds. Reports from the first few weeks have been very positive. Additionally, the number of referrals has increased substantially.
6. The search for a fiscal person for Family and Children First Council continues.

**FSS Reimbursement**

To approve the increase of FSS maximum reimbursement from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

**Motion: 37**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Pam Miller**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Asphalt Proposal**

To approve proposal from Loop Asphalt Services, Inc. to create additional parking space and seal coat existing parking areas and re-stripe at a cost of \$21,888.00.

**Motion: 38**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**NOWAC MUI Addendum**

To approve Contract for Services Addendum with Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council (NOWAC) for Major Unusual Incident Investigation Services. Cost will be \$18,000.00 per year.

**Motion: 39**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Medicaid Services Specialist**

To approve Shared Services with Van Wert County Board of DD for a Medicaid Services Specialist.

**Motion: 40**

**Motion: Cheryl Farley**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**EI Policy Update**

To approve the updated Early Intervention Birth to Age Three Policy.

**Motion: 41**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Pam Miller**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Executive Session**

To adjourn into Executive Session to discuss HMG personnel.

Time: 4:36 p.m.

**Motion: 42**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Tiffany Straley**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Exit**

To come out of Executive Session and declaring no action taken.

Time: 4:45 p.m.

**Motion: 43**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Cheryl Farley**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion**

To approve the employment of Michelle Davis and Rebecca Mayer as Early Intervention Service Coordinators at 208 days per year per employee, and the hiring of Cathy Ruiz as Family and Children First Coordinator as an hourly employee.

**Motion: 44**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**  
**Second: Marcia Hernandez**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

To adjourn the June 17, 2021 regular Board meeting at 4:46 p.m.

**Motion: 45**  
**Motion: Kevin Albright**  
**Second: Cheryl Farley**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Farley, Recording Secretary