

**Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

**The October 21, 2021, Regular Board meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:05 p.m.**

**Roll call:** Joe Cramer, Marcia Hernandez, Tim Sinn, Cheryl Farley (Excused), Kevin Albright

**Guests Present:** Denise Kinder, Andrea Hammond, Emmi Johnson

**Agenda**

To approve the October 21, 2021 meeting agenda:

**Motion: 58**

**Motion: Joe Cramer**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Minutes**

To approve the September 16, 2021 meeting minutes:

**Motion: 59**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Financial Reports**

To approve the September 2021 financial reports:

**Motion: 60**

**Motion: Joe Cramer**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Reports**

**Superintendent:**

1. The Paulding County Commissioners have advertised the request for bids on the renovation of the Fritz House (PCBDD's new office building). Bids will be received the first week of November. Completion of the work is targeted for March 1 (earliest) or April 1 (latest).
2. Staci Haney and I held a virtual meeting with Benefits Consultant James Bailey regarding health insurance for PCBDD employees. PCBDD will be moving current coverage to a new carrier. This will permit PCBDD to be in compliance with laws governing insurance. We should be receiving costs and coverage information soon.
3. PCBDD is providing gas cards/gift cards to Direct Service Professionals.
4. We continue working with individuals, families, and providers in an effort to reduce the stress on in home support staff. We are looking at ways to maximize staffing levels in community settings where options like remote supports may be realistic.
5. PCBDD staff have been continually meeting with providers to assess challenges being faced in the service delivery sector. An effort is being made to proactively address issues before they become a crisis.
6. PCBDD is celebrating Disability Employment month in October. PCBDD works closely with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) in the effort to find employment opportunities for individuals in our community.
7. The Department of DD is prioritizing technology as part of the state's long-term plan for supporting people in the community. Capital dollars will be utilized to develop "smart homes". In existing residential settings more emphasis will be on using technology in an effort to reduce some of the demand on the DSP sector.

**EI:**

Paulding County submitted their intent to use the ARPA funds on August 13, 2021. We have stated we would like to use the money between supporting evidence-based early intervention and technology. We plan to purchase updated testing needed to determine eligibility and to look into trainings to keep the staff up to date on new trends/ideas. We are also looking into collaborating with other counties for possible trainings. We are told more information will be

coming in August. With talking to our State Consultant, we will also be looking at some enhanced oversight of our program. I attended a training on the IDEA's program the state has used on Thursday, 10/14 to become more familiar with the program.

- 1) Enhance Oversight of the Program
- 2) Support Evidence-based Early Intervention
- 3) Promote the Use of Technology

We still have our PIP (Program Improvement Plan) open. This will close as soon as the State of Ohio gets a training open that we need to take. All other items have been completed.

I have been reaching out to at least one organization a month that we could collaborate with. I have talked with WIC, the Health Department, area preschools, local school systems, and doctor offices. If there is any organization you would like me to reach out to that I may have missed, please email me at [dkinder@pauldingdd.com](mailto:dkinder@pauldingdd.com) so I can get a meeting set up. We currently have 34 kids enrolled in the Early Intervention Program. Below is a chart from the last three months on how many were referred, how many were evaluated, and how many took our services.

Month	Referrals	Evaluated	Took Services
August	5	1	1
September	10	4	All still in the process to determine eligibility
October	1	1	Child is still in the process to determine eligibility

#### **New Business**

##### **OACB Delegate**

To appoint Jim Stripe as the OACB Assembly Delegate.

**Motion: 61**

**Motion: Joe Cramer**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

##### **Truck Disposal**

To approve the resolution for disposal of the work truck owned by PCBDD. Recommended to take to Kohart's.

**Motion: 62**

**Motion: Tim Sinn**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

##### **Levy Collection**

To not collect on PCBDD's .2 mill levy (PCBDD 1); PCBDD's .6 mill levy (PCBDD 2); PCBDD's .9 mill levy (PCBDD3); PCBDD's 1 mill levy (PCBDD 5; and PCBDD's .2 mill levy (PCBDD 6) for tax collection for tax year 2021.

**Motion: 63**

**Motion: Joe Cramer**

**Second: Tim Sinn**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

##### **Adjournment**

To adjourn the October 21, 2021 regular Board meeting at 5:06p.m.

**Motion: 64**

**Motion: Tim Sin**

**Second: Joe Cramer**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Farley, Recording Secretary