

## Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

The May 18, 2023 Regular Board meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Roll call:** Tim Sinn (Exc.), Marcia Hernandez (Exc.), Cheryl Farley (Exc.), Kevin Albright, Stacy Mangette, Cindy Peters, Lora Lyons.

**Guests:** Jeremy Thompson and Megan Sierra with PCW, Inc. for presentation on Summer Program and potential sponsorship.

### Agenda

To approve the May 18, 2023 meeting agenda:

**Motion: 30**

**Motion: Cindy Peters**

**Second: Stacy Mangette**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Minutes

To approve the April 20, 2023 meeting minutes:

**Motion: 31**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Stacy Mangette**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Financial Reports

To approve the April 2023 financial reports:

**Motion: 32**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Kevin Albright**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### Superintendent Report

PCBDD will be providing "Guardianship" training with the Paulding County Probate Court on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

PCBDD is scheduling interviews for the Administrative Assistant/Special Olympics Coordinator position and the Early intervention Service Coordinator (EI SC)/Preschool Service and Support Administrator (Preschool SSA).

In January Governor DeWine released his budget recommendations. Part of the budget addressed the workforce crisis, i.e., Direct Support Professionals who provide the community supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Governor's proposed budget is a significant increase (almost double) from his first budget. The approved House budget builds on the Governor's proposal. The Ohio House increased rates that support DSP wages to \$17 per hour in fiscal year 2024 (beginning 07/01/23) and \$18 per hour in fiscal year 2025 (beginning 01/01/2024).

The Ohio House-passed budget included additional items supporting Ohioans with developmental disabilities. Included was language to create supported decision-making process for people with DD who might want help with making some life decisions, like where to live and work and decisions about supports and medical care. The House also added language to allow workers with disabilities aged 65 and older to continue to work and to continue their Medicaid coverage. The House changed language that would require every county board to appoint at least one person who is eligible to receive services.

PCBDD is updating the Personnel Policy Manual.

Paulding and Van Wert combined were selected as part of a focus group on remote supports, assistive technology, and Ohio Shared Living.

## **New Business**

### **Speech Therapy PSA**

To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Tracy Gunderman for Speech Language Pathology services.

**Motion: 33**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Lora Lyons**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **EI Eval/Assessor PSA**

To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Chad Cox for Early Intervention Evaluator/Assessor services.

**Motion: 34**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Stacy Manette**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

To adjourn the May 18, 2028 regular Board meeting at 5:01 p.m.

**Motion: 35**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Cindy Peters**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Farley, Recording Secretary