

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

March 20, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

The March 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez (late arrival), Stacy Manette, Kevin Albright, Cindy Peters, Lora Lyons (absent).

Agenda

To approve the March 20, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 17

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Stacy Manette

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes:

Motion: 18

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the February 2025 financial reports and amended January 2025 financial report:

Motion: 19

Motion: Stacy Manette

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

Early Intervention:

- In Feb we had 3 referrals come in. We are in the process of evaluating two of the children. The third child did not qualify
- We currently have 27 enrolled kids and 4 kids going through the intake process (eval or paperwork)
- Young Athletes

Superintendent:

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. During the month of March, we celebrate individuals with developmental disabilities and their contributions to our communities. The 2025 theme is Creating Pathways to Independence, which focuses on helping people find opportunities for growth and self-advocacy. We have a billboard up that feature 4 individuals served by PCBDD. We have been highlighting various people we serve on social media. The Paulding County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating March as DD Awareness Month in Paulding County. Jessica Walker attended the proclamation signing with the Commissioners.

House Bill 28, a proposal to eliminate the ability of local taxing authorities to request property tax replacement levies from voters, passed the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee on March 19th by a party-line vote of 7-4. Prior to voting on the measure, Representative Dan Troy proposed two measures to increase transparency in ballot language as an alternative to the bill's language and otherwise permit replacement levies to continue. These proposed amendments were tabled by the committee majority and not considered. The bill advanced to a full House vote, passing 62-30. House Bill 28 now moves to the Senate, where it will restart the hearing process. OACB has been meeting with Senate leadership for more than a year about this topic and will resume these conversations to determine their timeline for reviewing the bill.

We are continuing to monitor progress on the proposed federal budget and any potential cuts to Medicaid. Services for individuals with developmental disabilities is heavily reliant on Medicaid and one of our largest expenditures is our Medicaid match, so potential cuts to Medicaid is concerning for our system. Representatives from OACB attended

meetings in Washington DC to emphasize the importance of sustaining Medicaid funding, specifically advocating against: any cuts to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Medicaid State block grants and per capita/capitate rates for Medicaid enrollees.

NOWAC is offering their annual board member training again this year at Defiance College. This will be held April 30th from 5:00-7:30pm. The evening will start with a dinner and then a training where board members can receive 2 of their 4 hours needed for the year. The first hour will be an interactive educational hour and the second hour will be a panel of individuals and family members who will discuss their experience with County Board services through a lifespan. Please let me know by April 7th if you plan to attend.

We received a quote for the installation of an automatic opener on our main door. We are looking to make our building more accessible to all individuals we serve and family members. The first quote for an automatic opener was \$5,100 and an additional \$275 to replace the threshold to one with a lower profile, making entering and exiting easier for individuals using wheelchairs or walkers. Tim Yenser is getting another quote so we can compare costs.

New Business

Jeep Liberty

To approve the Paulding County Commissioners taking ownership of the 2012 Jeep Liberty (Identification Number 1C4PJMAK6CW105579) currently being used by PCBDD.

Motion: 20

Motion: Marcia Hernandez

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Van Lease

To approve a lease with Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica.

Motion: 21

Motion: Stacy Manette

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion of Paid Parental Leave Policy – not moving forward.

Adjournment

To adjourn the March 20, 2025 regular Board meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Motion: 22

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peters, Secretary