

Lucas County Board of DD

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Special Board Meeting

July 21, 2015

Place of Meeting: Administrative Services Building
1154 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Mark Frye, President, presided
Dr. Jeanne Brockmyer, Mr. Rick Henzler,
Mr. John O'Neil, Ms. Linnie Willis and Mr.
Ray Wood

Members Absent: n/a

I. Call to Order:

Mr. Mark Frye, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Discussion Topics Requiring Board Action:

- A. Limited Contract - Mr. Henzler made a motion to approve the following limited Contract for Joyce Murphy, Legal Assistant from 8/13/15 to 8/12/17. Seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Amendment to EduCare Center Lease - Mr. Frye made a motion to enter into an amendment with The University of Toledo to lease additional space at the EduCare Center, effective July 1, 2015 through May 14, 2018, at an added cost of \$20,976.66 annually. Seconded by Mr. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Auction of Board's Personal Property - Mr. Henzler made a motion to authorize the sale of personal property, as listed in the attached schedule, which is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which the property was acquired. Seconded by Dr. Brockmyer. Mr. O'Neil asked about the computers on the list. Superintendent Yenrick indicated that the hard drives were removed. After brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Telegraph Facility Bids - Dr. Brockmyer made a motion to accept the bid proposal of \$200,000.00 to purchase the Telegraph facility submitted by Ann Arbor Railroad, Inc. and recommend acceptance of said bid by the Lucas County Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. O'Neil.

The Board received a grant for renovations/equipment in 1985 for Telegraph with an obligation to utilize the facility for dd services for 40 years. There is a payback obligation if the building is not utilized for that purpose for the full 40 years. We have submitted correspondence to DoDD requesting that the remaining

obligation of \$500,000.00 be transferred to another building. However, Superintendent Yenrick indicated that the large grant was primarily used to accommodate the individuals who came over from Northwest Ohio Developmental Center which was a State initiative. Therefore, there is a possibility that they may waive the obligation.

Ms. Mary Anne Burns, Legal Counsel, will work with the Lucas County Commissioners' office to be placed on one of their upcoming meeting agendas.

After brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- E. Board Member Vacancy – Ms. Willis made a motion to recommend to the Probate Court Judge, the appointment of Ms. Anna Khouri to the Lucas County Board of DD to complete the remaining term of Mrs. Charisse Montgomery due to expire December 31, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Henzler. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Governance Board Matters:

- A. CMS Update – Superintendent Yenrick provided an update from the recent July 10, 2015. Several counties submitted questions and the State was to answer them. One of them was when are County Boards supposed to close the front door? Director Martin indicated CMS told County Boards on March 17, 2014 to close the front doors. This means, if an individual comes to a county board for services, they must be directed to a provider.

Additionally, if individuals have in their ISP that they have already selected to go into the Adult Options program, they are considered the “pipeline.” Director Martin gave the directive to “clear out the pipeline” which is moving individuals into the service they want.

County Boards were told what it means to be “last resort.” When individuals who are unable to find services or are rejected by the provider community, the County Board can be considered the “last resort.” County Boards are to look at their whole provider system, determine who can provide the service, and tell the individual/family/guardian about the services. The individual/family/guardian meet with the provider. The provider must select them. If there are no providers willing or able to provide said service, we have to go outside of the County or we need to develop the service before we become last resort.

Also, County Boards must present to the State benchmarks and plans in October. The State will decide if the benchmarks meet approval. There are also more rule changes coming. In particular are service definitions and rates for Adult Services. They are hoping to have these out in October for public review with a tentative start of July 2016.

Some County Boards were commenting that they have already started toward the 2019 date that CMS initially established. The CBs feel they have momentum and

intend to move forward with their plans. Other County Boards are still determining their plans.

Superintendent Yenrick highlighted a handout which provides a percentage of all services provided by County Boards and by the provider community. Lucas County provides 41.39% services and the provider community provides 58.61%. Director Martin is calling for a statewide 70% by 2020.

You'll notice that some County Boards are already at 70%. Superintendent Yenrick will review the handout again at the Board's Planning Retreat.

- B. TPPT and Tax Equity - Ms. Hope Schang, Director of Business Operations, distributed a handout which identifies the history of Tax Equity and Tangible Personal Property Tax.

At one point tax equity represented over \$2 million for the Lucas County Board of DD. Several years ago the formula was adjusted leaving Lucas County Board of DD with no Tax Equity. This Biennium, the Tax Equity formula gives Lucas County Board of DD \$1 million. The State is now discussing changing the formula in the future for the County Boards.

The Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) at one point represented over \$4.5 million for Lucas County. Several years ago the State budget retracted the TPPT tax, but offered a long term replacement of the tax. However, the phase out was much quicker than anticipated. Legislators did not approve the first proposed solution which was to hold the County Boards of DD harmless. The legislators did approve a second solution which moves funds into the General Revenue Funds in the Medicaid Services Line Item of the DoDD budget.

Help Me Grow – We received additional funds this year in the 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 grant with the understanding that the future contracts would be decreased.

Title XX – At one point Title XX represented over \$500,000 for Lucas County. The grant has been decreasing steadily. State budget cuts have decreased this to \$363,574 for the 2016 State fiscal year.

Overall we net out \$205,000 less in 2015.

- C. "Privatization" Presentation – Superintendent Yenrick shared information regarding an upcoming presentation by Mr. Steve Oster, Superintendent of Coshocton County Board of DD. Superintendent Oster has been presenting to multiple counties across the State on his experience with the process of privatizing the nonprofit in his county. Lott is securing a date for his presentation in September and will invite LCBDD Board members.
- D. TARTA/TARPS Update – In response to non-renewal action taken on the TARTA/TARPS contract at the June 2015 Board meeting, TARTA representatives requested

an opportunity to present to the Board and address issues and concerns. After polling the Board members, the Special Board meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015. However, Mr. Jim Gee, TARTA General Manager, was unable to attend as he was out of the country. Mr. Gee and Mr. Jon Elston, TARPS Director, will present at the August 18th Board meeting. Therefore, the Board contract with TARTA/TARPS was extended through August 31, 2015.

IV. Executive Session:

Mr. Frye made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss Employment Compensation. Seconded by Mr. Wood. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Dr. Jeanne Brockmyer voted - yes
Mr. Mark Frye voted - yes
Mr. Rick Henzler voted - yes
Mr. John O'Neil voted - yes
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes
Mr. Ray Wood voted - yes

Motion by Mr. Henzler to return to regular session at 6:02 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Ms. Willis. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Dr. Jeanne Brockmyer voted - yes
Mr. Mark Frye voted - yes
Mr. Rick Henzler voted - yes
Mr. John O'Neil voted - yes
Ms. Linnie Willis voted - yes
Mr. Ray Wood voted - yes

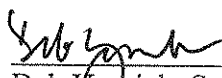
V. New Business:

Mr. Frye made a motion to approve the amended Management Review recommendations indicated in Director Lori Mariucci's memorandum dated July 14, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Henzler to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Seconded by Dr. Brockmyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

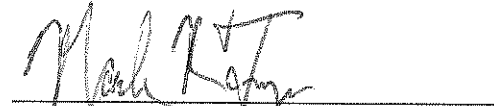
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Deb Yerrick, Superintendent

Attest:



Jeanne Brockmyer, Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Mark Frye, President