



Regular Board Meeting Thursday, March 24, 2022

Virtual internet meeting via Zoom – 5:30 pm

1. Opening

A. Convene

The meeting was called to order by President, Cynthia Schulz at 5:33 pm.

B. Roll Call

Members present: Allison Frazier, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Alaina McCruel, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Member absent: Lisa Hunt

2. Minutes

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities held February 24, 2022, a copy of which is made a part of the permanent record of this meeting, be accepted as directed by the President, without objection, and approved as published.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Mozelle Jackson.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

3. Donations

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities gratefully accepts one monetary donation totaling \$100.00 and three donations of unspecified value.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Alaina McCruel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

4. Financial Statements

RESOLVED, that the Operating Fund Statement and the Statements of Revenue and Expenditures - Planned and Actual for the year-to-date period ending February 28, 2022, be accepted and filed for audit; the payment of vouchers for the period February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022 be ratified; and that all statements and voucher summaries are made a part of the permanent record of this meeting.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Steve Scheidt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

5. Announcements

President, Cynthia Schulz turned the meeting over to Superintendent & CEO, Kelly Petty who gave the following announcements:

- Superintendent Petty attended DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at Ohio's State House on March 2nd and was able to meet with several legislators who were in attendance. This event was part of DD Awareness Month which is observed annually in the month of March.
- A legislator meeting was held with Representative Juanita Brent at the Achievement Centers for Children in Highland Hills. Bernie Kerrigan and Connie Boros from the Achievement Centers, and Bridget Gargan from the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) was also in attendance. In addition, there is a meeting planned with Representative Tom Patton and Erich Bittner from OACB. These meetings have gone well and are instrumental in getting the word out about the direct care workforce crisis and the need to raise Medicaid rates.
- The first 2022 Planting Seeds of Knowledge parent education session was held in March via Zoom. The topic was the Family Supports Program. Ms. Petty gave an introduction and will continue to do so for these monthly meetings as her schedule permits.
- Thanks was extended to Elizabeth Day, Division Manager of Communications, and her team for the work they have done to make DD Awareness month initiatives a success. Cuyahoga DD will be recognized at the CAVS basketball game on March 30th. There are discounted tickets available if any Board members would like to attend. Also, Ms. Petty will have an op ed published in Cleveland.com. Additionally, there have been advertisements on WKYC Channel 3. This led to a segment on Channel 3's "It's About You" program that was aired today. The segment featured SA, Jackie Chapman and an individual she supports, named Scharine. They talked about the work that Ms. Chapman does to support Scharine in helping her achieve her goals. Finally, there was an "All Means All Scavenger Hunt" which encouraged people to visit inclusive places in the community.
- March also marks the 10th anniversary of the Employment First Initiative. As part of the celebration, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities asked Cuyahoga DD to participate in a webinar airing March 30th showing work being done with the Cuyahoga County Employment Collaborative. Special thanks were given to Chris Carpenter, Jared Daly, Jon Schmittgen, Chris Coon and Melissa Lias for participating in this webinar.
- The Board previously approved \$3 million to go to private providers to help with direct support professional compensation. So far, about \$1.5 million has been requested. 12 large providers, 37 small providers and several independent providers have applied to receive funds. Most of the money is being used for longevity and retention bonuses. As we start to receive verification documentation, we will be able to give a more detailed report. A total of \$6 million was set aside for providers and the funds were planned to be released in two disbursements of \$3 million. At the state level, there is a proposal that would provide supplemental payment to providers that could be used in a similar way. If this passes, it would be part of the Federal Medicaid program which would allow us to draw down more funds. This could cost us about \$3 million a year in matching funds. If the program would be opened up to more than just residential providers, it could cost as much as \$5 million per year. Superintendent Petty thinks this is a good plan, but there would have to be discussion about whether to release the second \$3 million in the same way the initial \$3 million was used, or to put it toward the match if this proposal is approved.
- The county has an urgent housing need for children in custody with DCFS and this issue is still being addressed. The recently approved respite option for youth has been well-utilized.

- Virtual board meetings are permitted through June of 2022. Ms. Petty proposed that the Board continues virtual meetings through that date. Board members agreed.
- Strategic planning could be done virtually, but Cindy Schulz, Steve Scheidt, and Mozelle Jackson expressed their preference to meet in person. Steve Licciardi and Alaina McCruel did not have a preference. We are still working in establishing a date.
- The Employment Collaborative is having a hiring event on April 7th. Any Board members interested in attending should notify Janet Keeler.

6. Discussion Topic

A presentation titled, "Expanding IDD Dementia Capable Communities" was given by Jeanne Sydenstricker, Branka Primetica, and Tony Thomas. See the attached presentation slides which are a part of the permanent record of this meeting. Ms. Primetica introduced the Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultation Program which helps people with developmental disabilities and dementia. BRI on Aging awarded a grant from the US Administration for Community Living to Welcome House to carry out this project. These services are free of charge and can help parents with educational resources and coaching. For more about BRI, see the slides for contact information.

7. Status Reports

There were no significant changes to note. At the April meeting, Superintendent Petty will explain status reports in detail as the Discussion Topic.

8. New Business

A. Renewal of UKG (formerly Kronos, Inc.) Licensing & Cloud Hosting Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Ultimate Kronos Group of Lowell, Massachusetts for software licensing and cloud hosting for the period April 27, 2022 to April 26, 2023, for a sum not to exceed \$80,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steve Scheidt, second by Mozelle Jackson.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

B. Sale of East Cleveland Property

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby the sale of the property located at 13231 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio to DP1, Inc. for the purchase price of \$535,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

C. Amendment to Lease with Achievement Centers for Children

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby a First Amendment to Lease of the property located at 24211 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio to the Achievement Centers for Children on the terms specified therein for the period May 1, 2022 to April

30, 2027; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out those transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Steve Scheidt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Abstain: Mozelle Jackson

9. Comments from the Floor

This meeting is being held virtually through the Zoom internet application. Members of the public may address the Board by clicking the "raise your hand" icon in Zoom. There were two members of the audience who made public comment.

Michael Smedley, Chief of Staff for the City of East Cleveland extended his thanks to the Board for approving the sale of the former East Cleveland Adult Activity Center. The building is strategically placed to support the revitalization and development of East Cleveland. He noted there is controversy about the RFP and the parties who did not win the bid plan to make a statement when County Council considers the motion. He expressed that he and the mayor along with a nonprofit organization have been working in good faith to procure this property.

Bernie Kerrigan, CEO & President of Achievement Centers for Children (ACC) thanked the Board and Superintendent Petty for all they have done for their organization and the individuals who benefit from their services. She expressed thanks for the new lease that was voted on tonight, program funds, and quality services offered. ACC is grateful for the Board, Superintendent, and staff in working cooperatively and in new ways.

10. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereby adjourns to Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Alaina McCruel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Time adjourned to executive session: 6:50 pm

11. Reconvene

A. Roll Call

Members present: Allison Frazier, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Alaina McCruel, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Member absent: Lisa Hunt

Time reconvened: 7:52 pm

12. Adjournment

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereby adjourns.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Mozelle Jackson.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Alaina McCruel, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Steve Scheidt, Cynthia Schulz

Time adjourned: 7:53 pm

Next Meeting - April 28, 2022 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Link to be shared on the Cuyahoga DD website, www.cuyahogabdd.org at least three days before the meeting.

Certified by:

Lisa Hunt, President

Mozelle Jackson, Secretary

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

REVENUE & EXPENDITURES - PLANNED ANDACTUAL
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND FOR THE YTD PERIOD ENDING 2/28/22

	CurrentMonth Budget	CurrentMonth Actual	CurrentMonth Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Cash Balance-		154,956,442			159,152,901	
Opening: Revenue:						
Property Tax/Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	950,301	959,502	9,201	1,759,468	1,765,752	6,284
State Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenue	626,051	614,348	(11,703)	941,794	924,949	(16,845)
Total Revenue	1,576,352	1,573,850	(2,502)	2,701,262	2,690,700	(10,562)
Expenditures:						
Salaries & Benefits	4,014,818	4,132,336	(117,518)	8,029,636	8,105,013	(75,377)
Contracts & Program Supports	12,425,900	12,204,701	221,199	13,145,800	12,572,944	572,856
Operations Contracts	539,840	351,783	188,057	866,273	622,933	243,340
Other Expenses	760,445	694,083	66,362	1,611,415	1,395,321	216,094
Transfer Out: Capital Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	17,741,003	17,382,902	358,101	23,653,124	22,696,212	956,912
Cash Balance-Ending		139,147,390			\$139,147,390	



An Evidence-Based Care Coaching Program for Individuals with IDD and Their Supporters



*Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Board Presentation
3.24.2022*

Introduction

Jeanne Sydenstricker

Advocate and Parent of Two Adult Sons with IDD

“Always searching for new ways to support them—now and later when I am not here...”



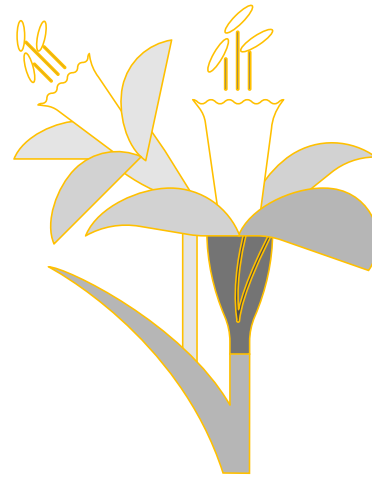
Introduction

- Discovered the BRI Care Consultation Program in 2019
- Immediately believed it was a potentially effective way to help our DD families
 - Delivers personalized solutions with a knowledgeable professional
 - Trained Care Consultants with evidence driven process
 - Cost effective
 - Excellent supplement to SSA supports
- BUT...it was not designed for specialized issues for IDD population
- In 2020, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging awarded grant from the U.S Administration for Community Living (ACL)
 - Focuses on the needs of people with IDD at-risk for developing dementia

Introduction

Branka Primetica, MSW

BRI Care Consultation Program Manager



BRI Care Consultation is an Integral Component of a Larger Grant:

***Expansion of Dementia-Capable Communities
within Urban and Rural Settings in Ohio
using Evidence-Based and Informed Programming***

Funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL)

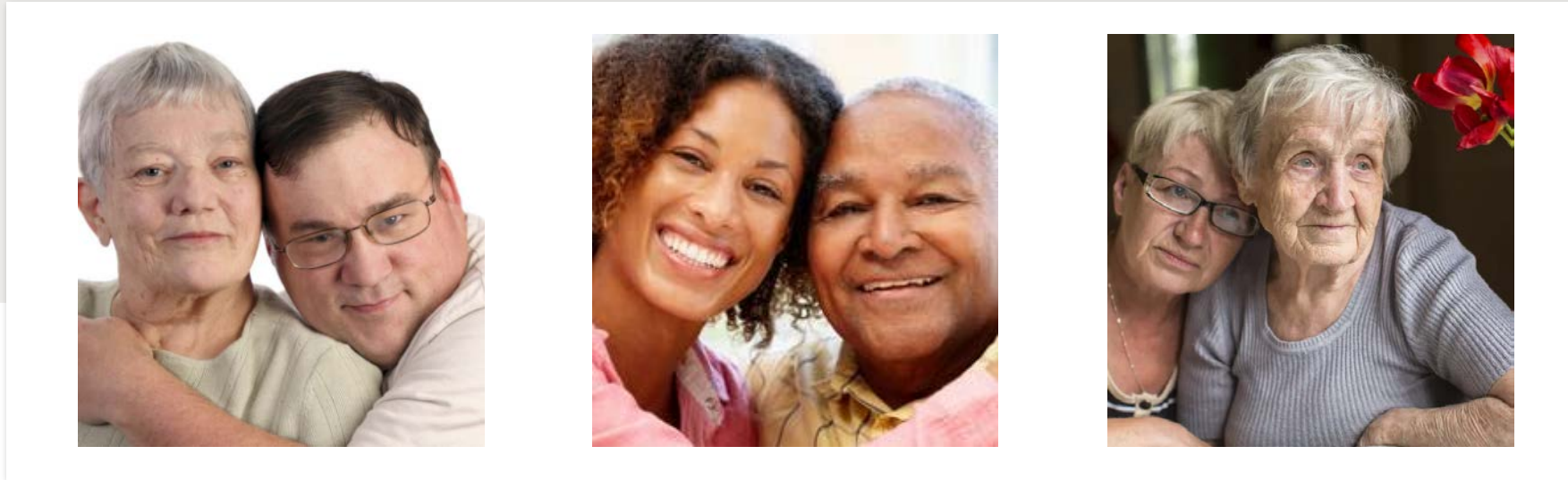


Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI)

90ADPI0052-01-00

August 1st, 2020 thru July 31st, 2023

Telephone- and Email-Based Care-Coaching Program



Assists and supports adults with or at-risk for developing dementia, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (not residing in 24/7 care), and their family and friend caregivers, or other supports.

The program is available at no cost! Generously funded by

A personal Care Consultant helps with:

- **Finding and getting connected** to health and community services
- **Prioritizing** concerns using a simple step-by-step plan based on **needs**
- **Communicating** with loved ones, family, and friends about care and **managing** difficult situations and behaviors
- **Staying in touch** with individuals and families so **adjustments** can be made as situations **change**
- **Assisting** with getting other family and friends **involved**
- Being an **emotional support** when overwhelmed or faced with challenges



IDD with/At-Risk for Dementia

Identification and Outreach:

- Support service administrators, family support groups, vocational habilitation, DD providers, physicians, others...
- Ideal for families who have individuals with IDD residing at home or independent setting and transitioning to independent or residential care

Adaptations to Evidence-Based Model:

- Ongoing development to guide Care Consultants to deliver program to individuals with IDD and their family/friend caregivers, or other supporters



**Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga,
Lorain, & Medina Counties**



**440-356-2330,
ext. 251**

 *Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with or at-risk for developing dementia*

Expansion of Dementia Education

Dementia Friends USA Program

- Adapted for IDD population
- Champions Trainings



Supplemental Dementia Education for Community Members and Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Programs (Marketed Publicly)

- Behavioral Intervention Training
- Topic-Specific Webinars and Online Resources

Thank You to the Cuyahoga County Board of DD

BRI Care Consultation

- Published information in family and provider newsletters
- Disseminated Welcome House flyers to staff
- Continue to refer persons served and their supports to Welcome House

Dementia Friends

- In-Service Session for Support Service Administrators and other staff
 - First Session in May via Zoom and In-Person

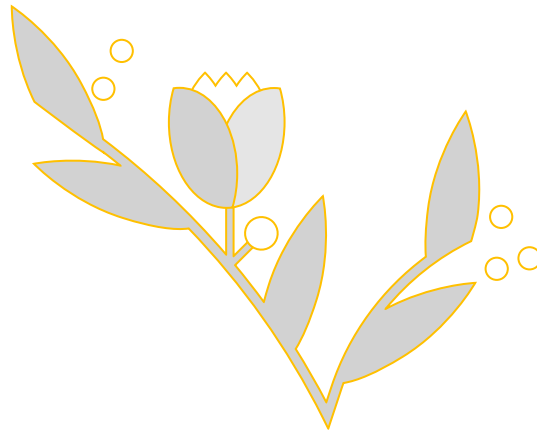
Supplemental Education Sessions

- Disseminate flyers for free virtual trainings on dementia-specific topics

Closing

Tony Thomas, LISW-S, ACSW

Executive Director, Welcome House





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Thank You for Your Time!