

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***BOARD MINUTES  
November 17, 2021***

**Board Members Present**

Mark Jackson  
Uschy Keiper  
Richard Suttell  
Laura Janson  
Dave Lair  
Dennis Schmidt

**Administration**

Donald Rice  
Dave Carlson  
Kellie Tvergyak-Oznowich  
Tami Setlock  
Megan Thirion  
Janice Chesnes  
Meredith Myers  
Richelle Mills

**Board Members Absent**

Martin Miller

**I. Working Session: 6pm**

- a. State Senator Jeffrey Cirino discussed the workforce shortage and asked the Board for ideas to help better the situation.
- b. NPower Services presented on their grant request and the new ventures that it will be supporting.
- c. Annual Planning Report was acknowledged.

**II. Call to Order:**

- a. Roll Call 2021 Board:  
A call of the roll indicated that all Board Members were present except Mr. Miller. There being a quorum present, Mark Jackson, President of the Board, called the meeting to order.
- b. Approval of Minutes:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-141(A) to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2021 meeting. This resolution was approved.
- c. Approval of Donations:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-10(D) approving donations to the program. This resolution was accepted and approved.
- d. Confirmation of Personnel Actions  
There were no personnel actions to approve.

**III. Financial**

- a. Financial Statement Review:  
Mr. Carlson provided a review of financial statements of all funds for the time period processed.
- b. Ethics Recommendations:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-142(A) to approve the ethics recommendation for the time period processed. The Board found that these payments do not present a conflict of interest and this resolution was accepted and approved.
- c. Financial Transactions and Voucher Approvals:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolutions 21-19(B) detailing financial transactions and Resolution 21-20(B) approving voucher schedules for the period indicated. These resolutions were approved.

**IV. Board Status Reports:**

Mr. Rice reviewed the Board Status Reports: Major Unusual Incidents, Waiver & Wait List, Population Served, Employment and Habilitation Services, Human Resources, and Unmet Needs.

## V. Program Reports:

Mr. Rice reviewed reports from the agencies' programs; also Maple Leaf Community Residences. Mrs. Contizano gave a report on the Metzenbaum Foundation.

## VI. New Business:

### a. Approvals:

- i. Supplemental Appropriation:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-143(A) approving a supplemental appropriation. This resolution was approved.
- ii. Metzenbaum Foundation Contract:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-144(A) approving a contract with the Metzenbaum Foundation for 2022. This resolution was approved.
- iii. Empower Sports:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-145(A) approving a grant request made by Empower Sports. This resolution was approved.
- iv. NPower Service Co Grant Request RockAbility:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-146(A) approving a grant request made by NPower Services Co. This resolution was approved.
- v. NPower Service Co Grant Request Geauga Joggers & Walkers:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-147(A) approving a grant request made by NPower Services Co. This resolution was approved.
- vi. A Better Choice Grant Request:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-148(A) approving a grant request made by A Better Choice SLS Inc. This resolution was approved.
- vii. Cherokee Rose Grant Request:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-149(A) approving a grant request made by Cherokee Rose Residential LLC. This resolution was approved.
- viii. Access Supportive Services Grant Request:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-150(A) approving a grant request made by Access Supportive Services Inc. This resolution was approved.
- ix. Solid Rock on Which We Stand Grant Request:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-151(A) approving a grant request made by Solid Rock on Which We Stand LLC. This resolution was approved.
- x. A.L.S. Locally Funded Services Agreement:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-152(A) approving a Locally Funded Services Agreement with A.L.S. LLC. This resolution was approved.
- xi. Dianna Rutherford Locally Funded Services Agreement:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-153(A) approving a Locally Funded Services Agreement with Dianna Rutherford. This resolution was approved.
- xii. Floyd Edinburgh Locally Funded Services Agreement:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-154(A) approving a Locally Funded Services Agreement with Floyd Edinburgh. This resolution was approved.
- xiii. Gauga Transit Locally Funded Services Agreement:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-155(A) approving a Locally Funded Services Agreement with Geauga County Transit Program. This resolution was approved.
- xiv. 2022 Contracts:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-156(A) approving the list of contracts for the year 2022. This resolution was approved.
- xv. MSI Grant Request:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-157(A) approving a grant request made by Metzenbaum Sheltered Industries. This resolution was approved.

### b. Issues

- i. 2021 Grants Follow Up:  
Mr. Carlson gave a status report on the list of grants received in 2021.

- ii. Vaccine Mandate:  
Mr. Rice informed the Board of the CMS rules regarding the vaccine mandate and what exceptions there are around it.
- iii. DSP Shortages:  
Mr. Rice discussed with the Board topics and ideas help with keeping DSP's from leaving their place of employment and other ideas with supporting living.

**VII. General Announcements:**

Mr. Jackson called for any other general announcements from the Board or public:

**VIII. Other Business – comments from the floor:**

Mr. Jackson called for any other business from the Board or public:

**IX. Executive Session:**

- a. Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official...

**X. Adjournment**

***The Next Board meeting will be December 15, 2021.***

Submitted:

Approval:

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Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent

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Mark Jackson, Board President

*cc: Bd. of Geauga Co. Commissioners  
Gauga Co. Probate Court  
Gauga Co. Prosecutor*

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