

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

BOARD MINUTES

December 15, 2021

Board Members Present

Mark Jackson
Uschy Keiper
Richard Suttell
Martin Miller
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

Laura Janson

I. Call to Order:

- a. Roll Call 2021 Board:
A call of the roll indicated that all Board Members were present except Mrs. Janson. 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 21-160(A) to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2021 meeting. This resolution was approved.
- c. Approval of Donations:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-11(D) approving donations to the program. This resolution was accepted and approved.
- d. Confirmation of Personnel Actions
There were no personnel actions to approve.
- e. Resolution of Appreciation:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-161(A) approving a Resolution of Appreciation for Board member Dr. Dennis Schmidt. This resolution was accepted and approved.

II. 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 21-162(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 21-21(B) detailing financial transactions and Resolution 21-22(B) approving voucher schedules for the period indicated. These resolutions were approved.

III. 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.

IV. Program Reports:

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

V. New Business:

- a. Approvals:

- i. Service Agreement:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-163(A) approving a Locally Funded Services Agreement with Jessica Tipton. This resolution was approved.
 - ii. A Better Choice Grant Request:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-164(A) approving a grant request made by A Better Choice SLS Inc. This resolution was approved.
 - iii. 2022 Annual Plan:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-165(A) approving the 2022 Annual Plan. This resolution was approved.
 - iv. Disposal of Assets:
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-166(A) approving the list of disposal of assets. This resolution was approved.
- b. Issues
- i. DSP Shortages:
Mr. Rice discussed with the Board topics and ideas helping with keeping DSP's from leaving their place of employment with bonus incentives and other ideas with supporting living.

VI. General Announcements:

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

- a. Mr. Rice and the Board talked briefly about Director Jeff Davis suddenly leaving DODD and who will be replacing him.

VII. Other Business – comments from the floor:

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

VIII. Executive Session:

- a. Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 21-167(A) approving adjourn into Executive Session: Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official...

IX. Adjournment

The Next Board meeting will be January 19, 2022.

Submitted:

Approval:

Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent

Mark Jackson, Board President

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

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