



Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

## HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024

Board Members Present: Monica Atkinson, Tim Davis, Greg Heath,  
Nelda Irving, Nichole Tripp

Superintendent: Kelly Aldrich

Staff Present: Melinda Camp, Melinda Dachenhaus, Tracy Deblin,  
Jessica Harmon, Heather Obermyer,  
Tiffany Swihart

Visitors: LaNae Thompson

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (**HCBDD**) Regular Board meeting was held on May 14, 2024 at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Monica Atkinson and roll call was taken. Dan Bischoff and Amy Rosebrock were excused from the meeting. Melinda Dachenhaus, Service and Support Administrator introduced herself and gave a presentation on services a transition SSA provides.

### **Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda**

**Resolution 24-37: The HCBDD approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 regular board meeting.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mrs. Irving. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-37 was unanimously approved.

### **Updates from the Superintendent:**

Ms. Aldrich shared a few updates with the board.

NOWAC is hiring an additional investigative agent due to the large number of MUIs. The cost will be split between the seven counties equally.

Technology purchases and a driving simulator have been purchased with our ARPA grant funds. We are working with HARC for community inclusion funds.

Our all-staff in-service is on May 20<sup>th</sup> and includes training on MUI, mental health, and team building.

Special Olympics is sponsoring a torch run on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by our annual brats bash at HOPE from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The House Families and Aging Committee met on April 23 to hear testimony. If passed, this bill would allow for a resident of an ICF/IID to use video monitoring within the resident's room and create a new waiver component intended to provide a monthly, direct lumpsum payment to families to use to obtain waiver services.

House Bill 344 aims to eliminate replacement levies. Supporters say that Replacement levies are confusing. Opposers say that County boards will have more trouble passing new levies and there is a discount that citizens receive in terms of a 2.5% to 10% rollback that the government pays in part for their property taxes.

The landscaping has been finished and that was the final cost for our building construction project.

### **Business Manager Report**

#### **Resolution 24-38: The HCBDD approve the April 2024 financial reports as presented.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Irving and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-38 was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Contracts and Addendums**

#### **Resolution 24-39: The HCBDD approve the contracts and addendums as presented.**

A motion was made by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. An addendum for NOWAC was presented for provider support services. NOWAC has reorganized and changed the reviewer position to include reviewing and provider relations. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-39 was unanimously approved.

### **Personnel/Policies**

Personnel actions were reviewed and the board accepted resignations from Kellee Downard, Service Coordinator; Tiffany Swihart, Community Relations Coordinator; and JoAnn Elston, SSA. Interviews have begun for Service Coordinator and Community Relations Coordinator. SSA interviews will begin soon

**Executive Session**

**Resolution 24-40: The HCBDD approve to enter into executive session to discuss employment of public employees.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mrs. Irving. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-40 was unanimously approved.

Time in: 4:31 p.m.  
Time out: 4:57 p.m.

**Resolution 24-40.1: The HCBDD hereby approve the employment contract addendum for Jessica Harmon as presented.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Heath. Extension of the contract will run through December 31, 2024. This management contract will now be in line with other management employees and run for a calendar year. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-40.1 was unanimously approved.

**Resolution 24-40.2: The HCBDD approve employment contract addendum for Kelly Aldrich as presented.**


A motion was made by Mrs. Tripp and seconded by Mrs. Irving. Extension of the contract will run through December 31, 2024. This management contract will now be in line with other management employees and run for a calendar year. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-40.2 was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

**Resolution 24-41: The HCBDD approve to adjourn the May 14, 2024 Regular Board meeting.**

A motion was made by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mrs. Irving. Roll call was taken and Resolution 24-36 was unanimously approved.

  
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Nelda Irving, Secretary

  
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