

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Debra Jones, President
2. Roll call

Ms. Carte	Present		
Mr. Gore	Present		
Mr. Huff	Excused Absence (listened to meeting via Zoom)		
Ms. Jones	Present		
Mrs. Marks	Excused Absence		
Mr. Smith	Excused Absence		
Mr. Thompson	Present		
3. Adoption of Agenda - Agenda was updated to add Executive Session under new business.
4. Public Comments/Visitors - None
5. Approval of Minutes – October Meeting Minutes
Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve the October meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Carte. Roll call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes
6. Committee Reports - None
7. Business Manager Report
Ms. Brand submitted her written report prior to the meeting.
Motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the financial report for October. Seconded by Ms. Carte. Roll call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes
8. Superintendent Report
Ms. Monroe submitted a written report prior to the meeting, and also informed Board members of the following:
 - The DODD Accreditation review will start January 11, 2023.
 - The Awareness Committee has chosen a book for the Steve and LoRena book project.
 - The ODS daily living center is receiving new cabinets through a donation from Mike Cahal - in memory of Steve and LoRena Cahal.
 - Staff appreciation was held and service pins were awarded. Staff who volunteered for community events during the year were also recognized. Staff received a lunch and were entered into a drawing for gifts provided by the Board and administrative team.

Three guest speakers gave presentations.

- 9. Program Reports
Submitted in writing prior to the board meeting
- 10. Old Business
No old business
- 11. New Business
 - A. Superintendent Evaluation for December – Ms. Monroe reminded Board members that her annual evaluation is due in December. Evaluation forms have been given to Board members.
 - B. Nominating Committee – the committee made up of Sarah Marks, Steve Thompson, Mike Gore will meet and develop a slate of officers for the 2023 year.
 - C. State Budget Updates – Ms. Monroe updated the Board on the status of the DD system contribution for provider increases in the next state budget. Currently, the total amount committed by county boards is 10%. This includes the 6.5% already agreed to as a provider retention payment, and an additional 3.5% to be contributed through local match contribution. No payments have been made to providers at this time. They are pending approval from the Ohio Legislature.
 - D. Merakey Services Overview - Ms. Monroe informed Board members this service is in place and is being provided through a contract with SOCOG. Merakey is a not-for-profit behavioral health entity that provides community-based services to those with experiencing a mental health crisis or close to having one. A specialized team, including a Psychiatrist, works with the individuals, families, and service providers to support the individuals in their home environment. Merakey is stationed in Scioto County and is serving the SOCOG region. It is hoped that this service will decrease the need for individuals in crisis to be admitted to developmental centers or hospitals. Lawrence County currently has two individuals being served by Merakey. So far, the service has shown to be helpful.
 - E. Executive Session to discuss Employment matters ORC 121.22(G)(1)

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to enter into executive session to discuss employment matters following ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the following: appointment, dismissal, promotion, compensation, employment, discipline, demotion of a public employee. Seconded by Ms. Jones. Roll call. Time: 6:55 pm

Ms. Carte	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

The Board resumed public session at: 7:59 pm.

- 12. Announcements
- 13. Next Board Meeting – December 13, 6 p.m. at ODS Cafeteria

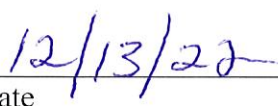
14. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Jones.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

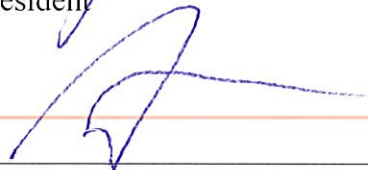
Meeting minutes prepared by: Lecia Menshouse, Executive Assistant



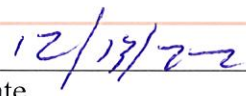
Debra Jones, President



Date



Steve Thompson, Recording Secretary



Date