

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2023 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order  
Meeting was called to order by Ms. Jones, President.

2. Roll call  
Ms. Carte Present  
Mr. Gore Present  
Mr. Huff Present  
Ms. Jones Present  
Mrs. Marks Present  
Mr. Smith (excused)  
Mr. Thompson Present

Staff present  
Julie Monroe Present  
Jamie Garnes (excused)  
Amy Brand Present  
Larry Whaley Present  
Christi Kerns Present  
Jeff Townsend (excused)

3. Adoption of Agenda  
There was an addition, #6 Committee Reports.

4. Public Comments - None

5. Approval of Minutes  
A. Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes  
Motion was made by Mrs. Marks to approve the March Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes and the February Meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Carte. Roll Call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Mr. Huff	Yes	Mrs. Marks	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

6. Committee Reports  
A combined Personnel and Finance Committee meeting was held on March 8 to discuss the need for an Early Intervention Manager. The Committees are recommending to the full Board that the position of Early Intervention Manager be added to the table of organization.

Motion was made by Mr. Thompson to approve the revised Table of Organization. Seconded by Mr. Gore. Roll Call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Mr. Huff	Yes	Mrs. Marks	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

7. Finance and Expenses – Written report submitted prior to meeting  
 Mrs. Brand also gave the board an overview of the 5-year cost projection process required by DODD.  
 Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve the February Finance and Expense report.  
 Seconded by Mrs. Marks. Roll call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Mr. Huff	Yes	Mrs. Marks	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

8. Superintendent Report – Written report was submitted prior to the meeting, Ms. Monroe also gave an update on the following topics:

A. DD Awareness Month Activities

- The DD Awareness Month kick-off at the Courthouse was held on 3/6/23. The Commissioners presented Tanner Huff with a proclamation declaring March as DD Awareness Month. The event was well attended by individuals served, providers, and staff.
- The Chili fest and Craft/Vendor Show was held on 3/11/2023. The event drew approximately 440 participants (not counting chili, craft/vendor participants, and volunteers). There were a variety of activities to participate in and individuals served participated in various capacities.
- The Art For All mural project with Third and Center will be held on 3/23/2023 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Ironton Riverfront.
- The basketball game between Open Door School and Vern Riffe School (Scioto County) at Ironton High School will be held on Thursday, 3/30/23 at 10:30 a.m.
- The Inclusive Egg Hunt with the Autism Project of Lawrence County and the Special Needs Youth Sportsmen will be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds from 12-2.

B. LCDD Awareness Campaign

- Silfies Media has started their services. They recently presented a training for staff members involved in awareness and PR activities, and reviewed their awareness campaign plan. A new agency procedure was developed that will be implemented to assist with the assimilation of materials that Silfies can use to promote LCDD programs.

C. State Budget Updates

- Testimony continues to advocate for the budget increase. The Governor’s proposed budget includes an increase in the average hourly wage for private DSPs. While this increase is a move in the right direction, the coalition feels this not enough to address the workforce crisis. Ohio’s DD Crisis Awareness Campaign.

D. Ohio DD Crisis Awareness Campaign

- A handout from the DD Crisis Campaign was shared with the Board. To summarize, the DD direct service workforce crisis is impacting the availability of services to individuals with DD across the state. The DD Crisis Campaign is organized by a coalition of providers, OACB, OPRA, and other

stakeholders to advocate for an increase to the provider reimbursement rate in the next biennium budget.

E. DODD Accreditation

- LCDD received a one-year accreditation from DODD. There were no concerns noted regarding quality of services or health and safety. There were no citations in the MUI area. The citations received were primarily process-oriented, and leadership is working closely with DODD to make necessary adjustments. Additionally, new systems aimed at monitoring compliance-related tasks have been put into place. DODD has approved the plan of correction submitted.

F. ODS Classrooms

- Due to requested services from the districts, the Open Door School will reopen its 8<sup>th</sup> classroom this school year.

9. Program Reports – Written reports submitted prior to meeting

10. Old Business  
None

11. New Business

A. Recycling List

Larry Whaley presented a list of items recommended for recycling to the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Marks to approve the electronics recycling list. Seconded by Ms. Carte. Roll call.

Ms. Carte	Yes	Mr. Huff	Yes	Mrs. Marks	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

B. ODE One Plan Approval

Christy Kerns gave the Board an overview of the ODE One Plan, and asked for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve the ODE One Plan. Seconded by Mr. Huff. Roll call.

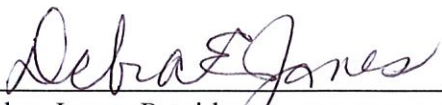
Ms. Carte	Yes	Mr. Huff	Yes	Mrs. Marks	Yes
Mr. Gore	Yes	Ms. Jones	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes

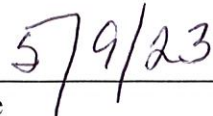
12. Announcements - None


13. Next Board Meeting- April 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.

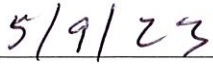
14. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Jones to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Gore. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned. Time 7:06

  
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Debra Jones, President

  
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Steve Thompson, Recording Secretary

  
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