



Mission: To enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities

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(SIDNEY, OH--) The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities met for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 11:35 a.m. in the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities Conference Room.

Human Resource Director Lisa Brady swore in Board member Kelly Albers with the Oath of Office. The Board thanked Mrs. Albers for her willingness to serve another term.

The Board elected Dan Bensman-President, Mike Schafer-Vice President and Patty Eilerman-Secretary. The Board meeting date will remain the third Thursday of the month in the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. with the option of participating in up to two shared meetings with Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities due to our shared services agreement. The standing committees are Ethics: Dan Bensman, Nate Counts and Lisa Benazer; Personnel: Mike Schafer, Patty Eilerman and Kelly Albers; Finance: Lisa Benazer, Dan Bensman and Nate Counts; Strategic Planning: Kelly Albers. The Board then met in regular session at 11:49 a.m.

Superintendent Laura Zureich presented the following information to the Board:

➤ Year in Review

- Board training and a cost analysis of SCBDD programs and services were completed. The administrative team has been working to review this information and make recommendations to the Board. This work will continue in 2012.
- An Early Retirement Incentive Option for staff saved \$93,000 in the first year. As a result a second year of the option was approved effective until November 30, 2011, which saved an additional \$67,326; for a total savings of \$160,326.
- SCBDD Facilities Manager saved approximately \$65,000 in labor costs when he worked to install flooring at the preschool himself.
- Sharing the services of the Superintendent and Business Manager positions will save Shelby and Champaign Counties over \$170,000 annually.

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- Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center has a total of 354 children attending preschool at the Sidney, Fort Loramie, and Jackson Center sites. Two hundred and twenty eight children are enrolled on IEP's, 11 children are under assessment, and 115 are typically developing preschoolers. A 2011 Activity Summary was presented including Professional Development, Family and Community Involvement, Community Outreach, Collaboration with School Districts, Special Center Wide Events and Bringing Everyone at Shelby Hills Together (B.E.S.T.) Activities.
- A Year End Summary was given from Wee School including a total of 58 children receiving services during the calendar year 2011. There are currently 35 infants and toddlers enrolled. For children enrolled in the center-based program, Wee School maintains their policy requiring that an adult attend class with their child, allowing families to actively participate as a team member, and staff can train families on additional intervention strategies to be incorporated in daily routines and activities at home. The staff also provided some home-based services on an as-needed basis in 2011. Throughout 2011, the Wee School staff provided ongoing training to families during class time and through informative newsletters and bulletin board displays. Also provided were Information Network sessions which allow parents to gather and focus on learning new information presented by a staff member on topics that have included: Speech & Language development, motor development and transitions. Hired as an early intervention specialist is Sarah Blackburn. She replaces Tania Homan who has taken the position of Early Intervention Intake Coordinator that was vacant due to a recent retirement.
- S&H Products reported steady work with bulk and box clamps as well as an order for pole wrap. Their annual Christmas luncheon was held on Friday, December 16th with plaques presented to the 2011 calendar artists.
- Service and Support Administration presented a year in review with changes and growth to their department for 2011 along with trainings they have attended and provided for the year. The Essential Needs Grant Program (ENG) noted completion of its third year. A summer Day Camp was sponsored through this grant which gave children ages 6 -21 an opportunity to participate in summer activities while allowing for some respite for families. Two provider fairs including a Day Habilitation Fair in the spring and a Residential Fair in the fall were sponsored in 2011 with over 15 providers represented. Benefits of shared services between Shelby and Champaign Counties have been utilized with several discussions via email, conference calls and visits to review department structure and procedures.
- As of December 31, 2011, the program has completed 100% of the budget year. Ninety seven percent of revenues have been received and 93% expended. The Donation Fund received \$1000.00 from the Community Foundation on behalf of Michael and Joan Bergman which benefits the preschool program.
- The resignation of John Ratermann, Transportation CDL Driver was accepted. The Board thanked John for his years of service and dedication to people with disabilities.
- The Board approved the following resolutions:
 - An agreement with S&H Products regarding the responsibilities of adult services and the Board to persons with developmental disabilities who reside in Shelby County.
 - An agreement between the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Boards of Education of the seven local school districts, Sidney City School District, and the Shelby County Educational Service Center to clarify the current operational agreement for educational services to preschool age children with disabilities.
 - An agreement with the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities to cover project management of the Bridges Project.
 - Two waivers from the Ohio Department of Education to allow an additional child to be served in a Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center classroom in the Sidney City School District.
 - One waiver from the Ohio Department of Education to allow an additional child to be served in a Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center classroom in the Botkins Local School District.
 - One waiver from the Ohio Department of Education to allow an additional child to be served in a Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center classroom in the Fort Loramie Local School District.

- The purchase of a 2013 International Integrated CE S Bus (PB105), 17 passenger's vehicle (12 ambulatory and 5 wheelchairs) per Miami Valley International Trucks for \$105,196.00. An additional cost of \$540.00 will be incurred to paint the vehicle for a total cost of \$105,736.00.
 - Authorized Superintendent Laura Zureich to support candidate James Michael Thoroughman on behalf of Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the (Middle-Third) Trustee position with the Ohio Association of County Boards.
 - Supports changing to a two week delay pay system with the county auditors.
- The following policy was updated and approved:
- #16-84 Health and Safety