



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

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For Immediate Release

(SIDNEY, OH--) The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 11:35 am in the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities Conference Room.

Superintendent Laura Zureich presented the following information to the Board:

- Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center has a total of 333 children attending preschool at their Sidney, Fort Loramie and Jackson Center sites. At the Sidney location, there are 182 children enrolled on IEP's, 7 under assessment and 83 typically developing peers. The Fort Loramie location has 18 children enrolled on IEP's, and 12 typically developing peers. The Jackson Center location has 15 children enrolled on IEP's and 16 typically developing peers. Grandparents of enrolled preschoolers were treated to a special day of visiting the Sidney Center on October 17th. Each grandparent was able to visit the classroom and then spend time interacting with their grandchild during a special center time in the gym. State licensure requires all preschoolers to have a dental examination as part of the requirements for school enrollment. To aid parents in acquiring this service for their children, the Mobile Dentist/Smiles Program provided dental services for 24 children on October 25, 2011.
- Wee School reported there are currently 34 infants and toddlers enrolled. Staff will be scheduling team meetings with parents in December to update and revise the individual goals and plans for their enrolled child.
- S&H Products reported employment remains steady with recurring orders. A Regional Director's meeting was hosted on October 26 with participants from Mercer, Logan, Champaign, Miami and Darke Counties.
- As of October 31, 2011, the program has completed 83% of the budget year. Seventy seven percent of revenues have been received and 82% expended. It was noted that revenues are lower than expected however; waiver and Tangible Personal Property Tax reimbursements are anticipated. The Donation Fund received \$67.00 from the Culver's fundraiser and \$373.05 from the Fall Fun Day. A final review of the Early Retirement Incentive Program, which ended on November 30, 2011, was presented showing a projected annual savings of salaries and benefits of \$160,326.
- The Board approved the following resolutions:
 - The retirement of Roxanne Welsh, Early Intervention Specialist at Wee School was accepted. The Board thanked Roxanne for her years of service and dedication to people with disabilities.

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- An agreement with S&H Products regarding the responsibilities of adult services to persons with developmental disabilities who reside in Shelby County. Due to an increase in minimum wage the rate for services to the board was increased.
 - 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 School District.
 - A contract with Residential Services and Supports, Inc. (RSSI) for the provision of non-profit housing services for people with developmental disabilities effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.
 - The development of a full time Technology Support Specialist.
 - Wilma Valentine Creative Learning Center to reimburse the Board for calendar year 2012 personnel costs.
- The following policy was reviewed:
- #47-03 Early Intervention Policy
- The following policy was updated and approved:
- #53-03 Adult Services