

Honorable Judge Bratka Swears in New Board Members and Officers

The Honorable Judge Bratka swore in two new board members and the new officers at the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting held on Thursday January 21, 2016. The LCBDD welcomed Bridget Hawkins and Scott Steiner to their first official board meeting led by President Bonnie Versele, Vice President Valerie Robb and Recording Secretary Frank Giannola.



Pictured Left to right: Mr. Frank Giannola, Ms. Bridget Hawkins, Mr. Scott Steiner, Mrs. Bonnie Versele, Ms. Valerie Robb and the Honorable Judge Bratka

Karen Hesson Brady introduced our newest employee, Robin Patrick. Karen stated, “Robin joined our team as a Services Support Administrator (SSA) on January 4, 2016. Robin and her husband Mason recently moved to Marysville from Columbus. Robin is originally from the Toledo area and received her BA in Education from the University of Toledo and then went on to receive her Masters’ Degree from Bowling Green. Her past experience was primarily working with children but she is already enjoying her new position working with adults.

Superintendent Saul Bauer reviewed the financial report. We are 100% through calendar year 2015 and the general fund for expenditures is 82.34% utilized and the community support fund is 78.16% utilized. The general fund for revenues ended the year 102.24% collected and the community support fund 98.54% collected.

Mr. Bauer reviewed the prior year budget analysis comparing 2014 to 2015. Salaries and benefits decreased 3.88% notwithstanding employees’ receipt of a 3% pay increase and an increase in the cost of benefits. Overall expenses in the general fund are nearly the same as 2014 and revenue in the general fund is 6.63% lower than this time last year. Superintendent Bauer also reviewed the 5 year operating projections report and discussed the loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) and how it will affect our agency. The loss of TPPT will result in the loss of nearly \$800,000 over time. The board has reduced expenditures by \$1,073,774

since 2011 and has seen a loss of \$190,629 in revenues. The 2016 Financial Mission & Goals were reviewed and approved by the board.

In new board business, the board reviewed and approved the new Early Intervention Program Policy. This policy outlines the purpose, description of services, guidelines and implementation for early intervention services. They also reviewed the lease between the Logan County Commissioners and LCBDD. This lease allows LCBDD to sublet for adult day services and all associated activities. The final new business discussed was 2-1-1, an easy to remember phone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community. 2-1-1 is available to over 90% of Ohioans, but it is not available in our area. United Way is taking the lead to purchase this service for Logan County. They are seeking funding to make this service available. The board approved a donation of \$1,000 to assist with the implementation of 2-1-1 in Logan County.

Mr. Bauer informed the board that we are working on our annual goals for the strategic plan. A key part to the development of the strategic plan is community input. A survey will be made available for all stakeholders in February and March to gain input from the community about the services we provide. Your input is very important to us and we hope to hear from you. You can participate in this survey in February by going to our website www.logancbdd.org and clicking on the survey link. We also have a new “events calendar” on our website. We are very proud of our new website and encourage the community to visit www.logancbdd.org.

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for February 16th 2016 @ Noon at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, February 18th at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

Debra Morrison
HR/Executive Secretary
January 21, 2016