

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities sets goals for its future

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at the board meeting held Thursday, May 18, 2017, approved its twenty-nine page 2016-2018 Strategic Plan and its Progress Report for 2016.

Superintendent Saul Bauer shared that a survey was sent out in 2016 and 2017 to hundreds of Logan County residents. It went to individuals receiving services, parents, community leaders, employees and retirees. We listened to families, people we serve and other stakeholders and we studied the impact of emerging trends and issues in the developmental disabilities world. The results of our findings have required us to redefine and redesign how we provide services in Logan County.

The mission of the LCBDD is “Empowering people with developmental disabilities to contribute as valued members of our community” and the Vision of the Board is “People with developmental disabilities will advocate for themselves and have a good life. They will be valued members of their community.” Our mission and vision have led us to seven value statements. The following values are beliefs that represent our commitment to what we find most important in our agency:

1. Everyone deserves to live a good life. People with disabilities and their families should have opportunities to live, love, work, worship, play, and pursue their life aspirations just as others do in the community.

2. Empower people to be self-advocates. People with disabilities should become strong self-advocates who are empowered and self-determined.

3. Community First. Each person should have access to community resources and should be part of their community.

4. Demonstrate Respect. All implementation strategies will show respect for the privacy, individuality and self-advocacy of the person.

5. Emphasize employment and meaningful activities. Strategies will be designed to promote and support community employment.

6. Provide effective intervention/support methods. Evidence based support models will be used to provide early childhood services.

7. Financial Accountability. The Board is committed to the provision of services in the most effective and efficient means available.

Our values are central to the way we function. They are part of the day-to-day practices of our agency.

The LCBDD Strategic Plan will provide direction for years to come. Our mission statement, motto and logo are now located on emails, letterhead, our website, business cards and social media. Our value statements are instrumental in providing direction for the LCBDD. The statements are framed and present on the walls of our cafeteria, in the board room and at the Discovery Center. Each value statement has been used by the administrative team as an instrument to assess and appraise current services and goals. The value statements have been used as instruments to encourage the development of ideas and initiatives to fulfill our vision and mission.

Board President Bonnie Versele shared, “I am very impressed with your staff and all that you have achieved. I am glad to see that your strategic plan is a working document. Not just something that sits on a shelf and collects dust.” Superintendent Bauer shared some of the goals achieved in 2016 in his review of the 2016 Progress Report. The strategic action plan and the progress report can be found in their entirety on the LCBDD website, www.logancbdd.org.

We continue to expand opportunities in self advocacy. Numerous individuals have attended Project STIR, promoting an advocacy network in Logan County. Our website, www.logancbdd.org is loaded with these activities as well as our Facebook Page.

Good Life training is shared with everyone. It has been incorporated into our orientation for new employees and continues throughout the year. We utilize numerous avenues to educate our employees. The board sponsors three in-services per year for training. We have newsletters (The Messenger, Insider and Involved) for ongoing education and information sharing. Employees also receive electronic training through BODD Works. We updated our Policy Manual in 2016 and are currently updating procedures.

Superintendent Bauer said, “We have been very busy and it really is amazing when you look at everything we have accomplished. I am very proud of our team and all that they do to help us live out our strategic plan. They live and incorporate the value statements every day!”

Superintendent Bauer gave a financial update for the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities in 2017. LCBDD is 33% through the year and have utilized 25.65% of our general fund budget. The capital fund is 100% collected and 63.45% of the community support fund is collected. Year to date expenses in the general fund are 19% lower than this time last year and year to date revenue in the general fund is 10% lower than this time last year.

New business before the board Superintendent Bauer shared the Discovery Center Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year and it was approved by the board.

In other new board business Superintendent Bauer reviewed the renewal of two contracts. First is a contract with Richard Solomon MD for the Project PLAY license fee effective June 4, 2017 through June 3, 2018. Second was the contract with Mike Stroud for IT services effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

The public is invited to attend our meetings. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held June 12th @ noon at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio. The next Board meeting, will be held on June 15th @ 5:30 pm at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio.

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