

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Welcomes New Members & Elects Officers for 2014

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities welcomed three new board members on Thursday, January 16, 2014. Mrs. Bonnie Versele and Ms. Valerie Robb, both of Bellefontaine, filled vacancies open by the completion of the term of Mrs. Connie Hudson and Mrs. Denyse Bayliss. Mr. Frank Giannola of West Liberty filled the vacancy left by Mr. Mike Hassel who resigned for personal reasons. All three were appointed to the board by the Logan County Commissioners. Mr. Zeb Wagner, of Bellefontaine, had his term renewed for another three years by the Logan County Family Court Probate Division.

During the annual organizational meeting, Mr. Jeff Martin was elected board president, Mr. Zeb Wagner was elected board vice president, and Mrs. Jennifer Thornburgh was elected recording secretary. Mrs. Debra Morrison, Human Resources/Executive Secretary and Notary Public gave the Oath of Office. The following board members will sit on the executive finance committee: Mr. Zeb Wagner, Mrs. Jennifer Thornburgh, and Mr. Jeff Martin. They will meet the second Thursday of the month at noon. The following board members will sit on the ethics committee: Mr. Zeb Wagner, Mr. Jeff Martin, and Mr. Frank Giannola and they will continue to meet at 5:00 pm the third Thursday of the month, prior to the LCBDD board meetings.

Superintendent Bauer gave a financial recap for the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities in 2013. LCBDD utilized only 87.91 percent of its general fund budget in 2013. The capital fund budget was utilized at 54.59% and the community support fund at 99.18% utilized. The organization also collected 106.95% of its budgeted revenue.

Mr. Bauer informed the Board that we were found in full compliance by the State of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities when their audit was held on December 19, 2013 for the Transitions Developmental Disabilities Wavier.

Superintendent Bauer explained that the organization also requested a review conducted by the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. This review was a request to prepare the Logan County Board of DD for its accreditation from the state in August of this year.

In other board activity the board approved the revision of six policies: Hepatitis B Vaccine, Commercial Driver's License, Operation and Use of County Vehicles, Drug-free Workplace, Expense Reimbursement, First Response Safety Team Incentive and the Financial Goals for 2014. They also approved the budgetary transactions for the past two months since no meeting was held in December and approved the direct services contracts submitted by the Ethics Council.

In other matters, the board passed a unanimous resolution recognizing Mr. Mike Hassel, at this meeting and Mrs. Connie Hudson and Denyse Bayliss at the November meeting for their many years of dedicated service and their commitment to serve individuals with disabilities while serving on the board.

The LCBDD will host the annual Elected Officials breakfast on March 20th this year recognizing Developmental Disability Awareness Month. The theme for awareness this year is "Ability at Work". The guest speaker will be Director John Martin of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The public is invited to attend our meetings. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held February 13th @ noon at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio. The next Board meeting, will be held on February 20th @ 5:30 pm at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio.

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