

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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MEDIA RELEASE

Logan County Board of DD Receives Awards and Gives Praise to Employees for Providing High Standards of Service.

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board discussed recent achievements at their board meeting Thursday October 20, 2016.

The Logan CBDD achieved the highest standard from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Office of Provider Standards and Review. The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities earned a 3-year accreditation award. Beth Chambers from the DODD Office of Provider Standards and Review said, "The county board demonstrated strong systems in many areas with a focus on Person Centered Planning and outcomes. The review team was impressed with the privatization efforts and community integration."

Accreditation is a process of review that County Boards of DD participate in to demonstrate their ability to uphold standards to ensure that quality is maintained throughout all aspects of the organization. Accreditation Reviews are conducted by the DODD to ensure that County Boards meet accreditation standards, as outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-4-01. Accreditation represents agencies as credible and reputable organizations dedicated to ongoing and continuous compliance with the highest standard of quality. Based on the results of an accreditation review, a County Board is awarded a review of one to three years.

A comprehensive review was conducted in September of the agencies' organizational structure, policies & procedures, compliance with federal/state/local laws, leadership, individual's rights & responsibilities, human resource management, provision of care, individual's records, quality outcomes, performance improvement, and safety.

Congratulations to the employees of the LCBDD who achieved this highest standard by demonstrating respect and upholding the highest standard of services.

Superintendent Bauer also announced that the Discovery Center preschool program earned a five-star rating in the Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The Discovery Center received the highest rating granted by the Department of Education. The 5-star rating clearly reflects the dedication of the staff to provide high quality preschool programming to our districts to prepare preschool students for kindergarten and future learning. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed licensing health and safety regulations. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children. SUTQ reviewed curriculum, planning, child screening/assessment, classroom interactions, staff supports, staff management, transition practices, family communication/engagement and community partnerships.

Congratulation to the employees of the Discovery Center Preschool program who demonstrate quality each day and who step up to provide excellence in education. For more information regarding the new Step Up To Quality system, please visit the Early Childhood Ohio website at www.earlychildhoodohio.org.

In financial business before the board we are 67% through calendar year 2016 and the general fund for expenditures is 61.49% utilized and the community support fund is 63.60% utilized. The

general fund for revenues is 99.87% collected, the capital fund is 100% collected and the community support fund is 79.60% collected. Expenses in the General Fund are 7.92 % lower than this time last year and year to date revenue in the General Fund is 17.8% higher than this time last year.

In other board business the board approved the Logan County Board of DD Medication Administration Quality Assurance Reviews Policy effective October 20, 2016 and changed the Business Manger title to Business Director.

The Board extended their thanks to the Community for their support of the 29th Annual Chicken BBQ, October 6th. We sold 3,075 chicken dinners and raised over \$10,000 in proceeds for the Auxiliary Foundation. These funds are used to provide many items for the individuals we serve. Some examples are to purchase books and Christmas gifts for the children at Discovery Center, the Adult Services Christmas Party, and tombstones for associates who have passed without finances for a grave marker and future levies if needed.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for November 14th at noon at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board Meeting takes place on Thursday, November 20th at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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