

## **Logan County Board of DD Elects Officers for 2015 Approves a fundraiser with the DRIVEN Foundation and OSU players**

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board elected new officers at their board meeting Thursday November 20, 2014. The current Board President, Jeff Martin will be stepping down because his wife, Kim Kellogg-Martin, was recently elected Logan County Family Court Judge. He was recognized for his dedication and service to LCBDD. The officers for 2015 are: Zeb Wagner President, Bonnie Versele Vice President, and Jennifer Thornburgh Recording Secretary.

Board of DD Superintendent Saul Bauer reviewed a few changes made to their 2014-2017 Strategic Action Plan. A fifth column was added so we can document progress in meeting the plan's action steps. We also updated our Organization page to reflect current services and the current number of individuals being served. The 2014 agency and departmental goals were updated to account for the accomplishments for the year. New agency and departmental goals were set for 2015 using our newly formed values, mission and vision statements.

In other Board business, four staff members were hired to replace employees who have recently retired or resigned. Karen Hesson Brady, SSA Director introduced: Heather Shotts, Kellie Lemlie, and Ashley Logan who have joined our team of Service Support Administrators. Heather transferred from RTC (a VSS) to the SSA position. Joy Badenhop, Early Childhood Director, introduced Jenifer Schreiner who has return as Secretary/Receptionist at the Discovery Center. Jenifer worked as the reception at Discovery Center for several years and left the agency for another career opportunity a little over a year ago. We welcome all of them to our team and look forward to working with them.

We offer our thanks to those who recently completed the 2014 Needs Survey. This survey was sent to approximately 445 people consisting of members of the community, staff, associates, family and parents. Over 100 were returned resulting in a 23% return. Mr. Bauer reported on the results of the survey: 94% agree or strongly agree with our updated strategic plan. 93% believe our agency improves our County, 100% believe LCBDD provides good or excellent quality of services, 96% believe our services are a good use of tax dollars and the survey reports to 100% overall approval rating. The comments and suggestions were reviewed by the board.

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities discussed its 2015 budget. Superintendent Saul Bauer reported that the budget has remained flat for over 5 years. He noted that the agency expenditures have reduced by 20% since 2010, "this year's projected expenditures are 20% less than the actual expenditures in 2010." Revenue budgeted for 2015 continues to fall due to the loss of TPPT and property tax delinquencies. Bauer discussed that staffing levels remain lower than what they were in 2010, however the same services are still being provided.

The final financial figures have been reviewed for the annual chicken barbeque which was held in October. Bauer said, "We raised nearly \$15,000 with a net total profit of \$10,988... The support of the community, sponsors, volunteers, associates & employees make this event a success and their support is greatly appreciated."

Roy Hall, former OSU football player, NFL player and president of the DRIVEN Foundation stopped by the county board November 13<sup>th</sup>. The former Ohio State wide receiver spoke with Bauer about a possible basketball game benefit. The proposed game will feature former OSU football players and some local players as well as. The event would be held at Benjamin Logan High School (date TBA) and would benefit Benjamin Logan, the Driven Foundation, and the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. More details will be finalized at a later date. Community organizations are encouraged to contact the LCBDD to volunteer for this event.

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at noon in 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, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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