

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
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VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

The board opened in regular session on April 15th with at item on the agenda recognizing all the volunteers that give of their time in various parts of our program throughout the year. Currently there are over 30 active volunteers. Dr. Mancuso recognized the board members as they also serve as volunteers in their role. The board members were presented a certificate recognizing and honoring them from the Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities for outstanding commitment and dedication to the Logan Co. Board of DD.

The board passed a resolution to accept the lowest and best bid from TESCO in the amount of \$44,150 for the purchase of a new adult services van with wheelchair lift. The bids were received through the Logan County Commissioners earlier in April.

The board discussed the Discovery Center Preschool enrollment options that will be changing for 2010-2011 school year for typical children whose parents pay tuition. With the increased demands of assessing and monitoring all children to meet the State Department of Education requirements and providing best practice quality instruction, only 3 year olds will have the option of a 2 day enrollment. The four and five year olds will have 4 day enrollment only. The Discovery Center will continue to have the lottery system for those paying tuition. It is hoped parents will realize this change will give their child increased quality education and allow for more communication with parents throughout the year.

In other matters, the board was introduced to new staff member Maria Verry, Habilitation Specialist. Maria filled a vacant Habilitation Specialist position. Christy Baker was also hired as

Habilitation Specialist this month filling another vacant position. The board adopted a resolution changing a part-time Habilitation Specialist position to full-time. Nancy Evans-Donley, Vocational Services Manager explained this was necessary due to increased enrollment and due to higher needs of persons served in the program. The board now has 3 full-time Habilitation Specialist completing this department. It was noted that the board employed 3 Habilitation Specialists 20 years ago.

The board was reminded of the annual Discovery Center spring program at the Bellefontaine High School auditorium on April 27 and 28 at 7:00 PM. The program has changed to two nights due to increased enrollment and having such a good turnout year after year. The spring program has experienced standing room only for the past several years.

Calendar notes included the annual geranium sale by the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Auxiliary Committee. Contact 592-2009 to order your flowers.

The LCBDD Relay for Life Jordanaires team is selling raffle tickets for two 2010 Olympics t-shirts personally autographed by Louie Vito. The tickets are \$1.00 for one ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Stop in at the Discovery Center or the DD board office between 8:30 and 4:00 each day until June 17th to purchase tickets.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 27th at 5:30. This is one week later than the normally scheduled meetings.

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Executive Secretary
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