

Logan County Board of DD Approves Benchmarks to submit to the state & prepares for BBQ

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board approved benchmarks at their board meeting held on Thursday September 17, 2015. The benchmarks are to define their transition plan to comply with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) “conflict free case management” requirements and Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-9-11 “Free Choice of Provider” rule. Superintendent Bauer explained that this is to comply with OAC 5123:2-9-11. He shared details of this process.

“The Logan County Board of DD currently provides ADS (Adult Day Supports) and NMT (Non Medical Transportation) to approximately 88% of the individuals receiving a Medicaid waiver in Logan County. The Board provides approximately 93% of ADS and 81% NMT services. Most individuals receive these services from RTC Industries, a nonprofit agency. RTC and Petermann transport individuals to the county board (RTC sheltered workshop) and to community employment and day services by private providers. Additionally the county board provides ADS to approximately 45 individuals who are not on a Medicaid waiver.

Benchmarks:

1. Although existing for similar reasons the LCBDD and RTC Industries are subject to different standards of accountability and stewardship of programs and policies. RTC and the Logan County Board come together in their commitment to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in the community. “Conflict Free Case Management,” free enterprise and competition laws have motivated both boards to create further independence of the two agencies.
2. The Board of DD determined through resolution that it will cease to provide adult day array services, effective December 31, 2015. (RTC will continue to provide of this service)
3. The Board of DD plans to cease to bill Medicaid for the provision of non-medical transportation effective December 31, 2016. The CB will no longer contract for this service. The ISP will designate the provider effective January 1, 2017.
4. Effective January 1, 2016 the County Board will not accept new individuals for Adult Day Array services. (RTC will continue to provide of this service)
5. Effective January 1, 2017 the County Board will not accept new individuals for NMT services.
6. Providers wanting to initiate services in Logan County will be included as part of the free choice of provider process.
7. LCBDD, through the WestCON COG, will conduct a “Provider Fair” in order for current and prospective providers to share information about their services with individuals eligible for Board services.
8. As certified Adult Day Array and non-medical transportation providers are identified, their information will be submitted to Logan County Board of DD’s SSA Department.

The approved benchmarks will be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities prior to the deadline, October 1, 2015.

In other board business, several recent new hires were introduced at the board meeting. Present at the meeting were:

Staci Sunderland – Instructor- replaced position vacated by Angela Thomas resignation.

Donna Johnson – Instructor- replaced position vacated by Amy Newland resignation.

Stacy Everhart – Instructor- replaced position vacated by Janet Yoder retirement October 30th.

Brooke Henle Smith – ESC- may hire soon – Instructor Asst.– replaced position vacated by Candy Frasure retired.

Whitney Langston – SSA- replaced position vacated by Emily Reminder resignation.

Additional staffing changes:

Janet Yoder until October 29 – Instructor- replaced position vacated by Rodney Gillman retired.

Wanda Wildermuth – Contract NW Therapy – November 1 – replaced position vacated by Rodney Gillman retired.

Kathy Foust – COTA – Retire/Rehire for 3 days per week

Fran Smith – Contract - COTA – 2 days per week.

Sandy Bowsher – Cook Asst. 1 – replaced position vacated by Carol Thornburg.

Gail Hawley – Instructor Asst. – replaced position vacated by Michelle Wisner.

In other board business the board discussed their 28th Annual Chicken BBQ at their meeting. This delicious meal will be served Thursday October 8th from 11:30 am to 7 pm. The menu consists of the famous port a pit ½ BBQ chicken, applesauce, chips, cookie, roll and butter. The meal is only \$8 and tickets can be purchased from any LCBDD employee or board member. Orders of five or more meals can be delivered. For more information contact James Shouse 292-3069 or to schedule a delivery contact Lori Barber at 292-3002. In order to make it more convenient for our customers who do not carry cash, purchases can be made the day of the BBQ with a credit card. Checks can be made out to the LCBDD Auxiliary Foundation Committee. Proceeds from this event are used to purchase Christmas presents for the children at the Discovery Center, purchase books at the book fair for children, adult services client Christmas party, purchase a tombstone for a deceased client who has no family, assist clients with a loan for rent or utilities, repair a car for client medical transport, levy and other services.

Superintendent Bauer reviewed an Editorial that was in the Columbus Dispatch on September 17th titled “Strengthen protections for developmentally disabled.” Developmentally disabled people are among society’s most vulnerable citizens. It is very disturbing that they are the victims of widespread abuse, and shameful that not enough has been done in the past.

About 70 percent of developmentally disabled people report being physically and sexually assaulted, neglected or abused. About 90 percent report multiple occurrences. Yet, fewer than 40 percent of people reported this abuse to authorities, and those who did saw an arrest rate of less than 10 percent.

In other business, the board of DD reviewed the following contracts and approved their renewal: CORSP small purchase vending contract, revised contract between LCBDD & RTC Industries, Inc., and an Independent Contract for professional services with Diane Holdemann. The Waiting List policy (4.0.2.3) was revised and also approved.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for October 12th 2014 @12noon at 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, October 15th at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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