

LCBDD ADOPTS COMMUNITY FIRST POLICY & PREPARES FOR 26th ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board adopted a new policy titled, "Community First" at their board meeting Thursday September 19, 2013. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the individuals served by the LCBDD are encouraged to discover their own abilities and have opportunities to be fully engaged in the community. Community engagement, including employment, shall be a priority and the preferred outcome for those served. Superintendent Bauer said, "This is an important change to our agencies everyday practices in our community. The community first policy directs us onto a fresh path of integration and inclusion. From this day forward our purpose and our function will shift. This policy will affect our future decisions. Our programming, our purpose, and our planning will be redirected with a new focus – a new heart – of integration and inclusion."

Superintendent Bauer thanked the LCBDD employees for supporting our pacesetter United Way Campaign. Deb Morrison, the co-chair for this event with Mr. Bauer, said "I have never worked with a more supportive and giving organization. Our employees are very kind hearted and generous." We exceeded our goal of a 5% increase with a 10.5% increase over last year and a total pledge of \$6,784.

In other business, the board of DD is partnering with the Logan and Champaign Counties Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board to support the ECMH (Early Childhood Mental Health) Consultation position. The ECMH position is predominately consultative and will be used to assist children, and their families, who have a mental health diagnosis. The Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities and both counties' bureau of childhood services are also contributing to the position. The consultant position will benefit both counties and should be available by January.

Superintendent Bauer reminded the board that our 26th Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Thursday October 10, 2013 from 11:30 am to 7 pm. Tickets were passed out to board members to sell. Our Auxiliary Committee met with the co-chairs of this event, James Shouse & Deb Morrison. The committee has been very busy getting things prepared and organized for this event. Mr. Bauer said, "This is the best tasting BBQ chicken, please support us and enjoy a great meal." If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Lori Barber at 292-3002. The cost is \$8 and includes our famous ½ chicken BBQ, applesauce, potato chips, dinner roll, & cookie. Orders of 5 or more meals can be delivered.

Mr. Bauer informed the board that the Bellefontaine Fire Department was the recipient of our traveling trophy for our last Battle of the Badges Blood drive. The next blood drive will be October 4th from noon to 4 pm at the Discovery Center. You can register on line at www.donortime.com or call 292-3011. This blood drive supports the fight against cancer. Donors will receive a T-shirt and can vote for their hometown hero in the battle of the badges: Bellefontaine Fire Department, Bellefontaine Police Department, or Logan County Sheriff. Snacks will also be provided.

Flu shots will be provided on October 17, 2013 to employees who are on the insurance plan. Employees can register on line at S:Public/Flu Shot or call ext. 3011.

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for October 10th 2013 @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 17th at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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