

## LCBDD BOARD LOOSES TWO OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBERS, RECOGNIZE RTC EMPLOYEES, APPROVES 2016 BUDGET & WELCOMES NEW STAFF

At its November 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting, Superintendent Saul Bauer presented awards to our parting board members: President, Zeb Wagner with 6 years of service and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Thornburgh with 14 years of service. “We recognize and commend their hard work and dedication while serving on our board and all that they have done for our agency.”

Judge Dan Bratka will have a swearing in ceremony at our January 2016 Board meeting to welcome our two new board members Bridget Hawkins & Scott Steiner who were present at this meeting to observe.

Mr. Bauer also gave recognition to Nancy Evans-Donley – RTC Industries, Inc. – Vocational Services Manager, Tonya Reed – RTC Employment Services Director & all of the DD employees who will transition to RTC Inc January 1, 2016. “We appreciate the wonderful work they have done with individuals with disabilities, benefiting LCBDD while employed by the board and will continue to do employed by RTC Industries, Inc.”

In review of the year-end projections, the LCBDD operating fund is projected to remain in the black by an estimated \$564,000. Looking back five years, the Board has decreased their annual expenditures by nearly 20% while increasing integrated services. The LCBDD has also been able to maximize the reimbursements through the Federal Medicaid programs that has allowed them to sustain a high quality of service while reducing dependence on local tax payer dollars.

In preparing the 2016 budget, LCBDD considered several factors that would significantly impact their projections. As mandated by the Federal Government, the Board will no longer be the direct provider of adult services effective January 1, 2016. RTC will continue to provide these services as a private agency and as a Medicaid agency provider. The Board will contract with and pay RTC and/or any private provider that provides the same direct care service that once was provided by the Board. With this mandated change, LCBDD is projecting a shift in costs to contracted services. The board plans for a decrease in salary and benefit costs and an increase in contracted services costs.

Overall, 2016 expenses are projected to be 8.9% lower than 2015 due to the transition of services and revenues are projected to be 8% lower than 2015.

The LCBDD is projecting to remain financially stable into 2019.

The 2016 budget was approved by the board of directors.

In other board business Karen Hesson Brady introduced our newest staff member Sallie Christian. Sallie joined our agency on November 2, 2015 as a Service Support Administrator (Case Manager). Sallie is a Bellefontaine resident and a graduate of Bellefontaine High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology & Family Studies from Ohio University. Sallie’s prior work experience was at Adriel School as a Para Professional and Logan County Children Services as a caseworker. We welcome her to our team.

Superintendent Saul Bauer reviewed recent personnel announcements that gives current DD and RTC employees some additional responsibilities after they submitted letters of intent. Lisa Sulich has been appointed as the Friday Night-Out Coordinator and the following are our 2016 Special Olympics coaches: Track and Field- Jane Bialecki & Lisa Russell; Basketball – Shane Peyton & Doug Walter; Bowling – Kylee Ransbottom & Judy Tilton; Softball – Ashley Logan & Mike Predmore.

In other board business the board approved the Preschool & K-12 Education Service Agreement which will be effective December 1, 2015 and the LCBDD resolution to transition non-medical transportation services effective July 1, 2016.

Our 2016 Officers were elected as follows: President - Bonnie Versele; Vice-President – Valerie Robb; and Recording Secretary – Frank Giannola. They will take their Oath of Office before they begin their first meeting in January.

Our new committees approved for 2016 are as follows: Executive Finance: Bonnie Versele, Scott Steiner, & Art Harper. Ethics Council: Art Harper, Frank Giannola, & Bridget Hawkins.

The Executive Finance Committee meets the third Monday of the month at noon in the Logan County Board Office conference room and the Ethics Council meets at the same location on the third Thursday at 5:00 pm.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 @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, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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