

Huffman and Reames Reappointed to LCBDD

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) met on January 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting began with the annual organizational meeting, electing the board officials and members for the ad hoc committees. Ms. Valerie Robb was elected President, Ms. Bridget Hawkins was elected Vice-President, and Mr. Frank Giannola was elected Recording Secretary. Mr. Allen Huffman and Mrs. Melanie Reames were reappointed to another term and were sworn in by Notary Public, Mrs. Becky Robison.



Ms. Krista Oldiges, Superintendent, reviewed the financials noting that the Board ended 2024 with operating expenses at 87.5% and revenue at 118.69% as compared to the budget of 100%. The Board recently had a Cost Report Audit completed for fiscal year 2022 with no findings.

The Board currently has two openings for teachers at The Discovery Center Preschool, Administrative Assistant for the Early Intervention Department and a shared Business Director position for Logan and Hardin counties. Anyone interested in applying for the positions can email Staci Nichols at snichols@loganbddd.org.

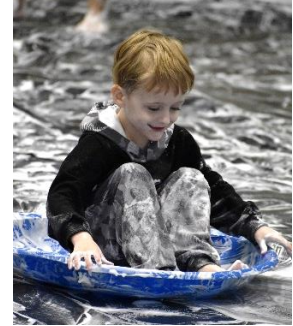
The Board received a grant from United Way for \$14,000 to purchase a Mobi-mat for Indian Lake State Park at Old Field Beach. A Mobi-mat is an ADA compliant rollout access mat that is designed to provide a stable surface for people in wheelchairs to access the beach area.

Coleman Services has been awarded the MRSS (Mobile Response and Stabilization Services) provider contract for Logan County. MRSS provides services to people under the age of 21 who are experiencing escalating emotional symptoms, behaviors, or traumatic circumstances that have impacted their ability to function within their family, living situation, school or community. SSA Director, Mr. Moyer, and his SSA team will be meeting with Coleman Services to discuss how they can assist people with developmental disabilities during these situations.

The Service and Supports Administration Department received 105 referrals in 2024, which was the highest number of referrals in a year on record. The SSA department is currently serving 221 adults and 195 children.

Early Intervention Director, Mrs. Liz Rose, noted that all 45-day timelines were met for the influx of 24 referrals in November 2024, which was unusually high. Early Intervention (EI) is seeing an increase in families seeking assistance with younger children who continue with EI services up to age 3 when they can transition to preschool services. EI ended the year serving 141 children compared to 134 in 2023. The EI department is creating a Parent Support Group called Connections over Coffee that will meet once a month at The Discovery Center.

Preschool Director, Ms. Lisa Sulich, reported there are 205 children currently attending The Discovery Center. The last week of January the preschoolers got the opportunity to participate in the Shaving Cream Skating event. A big thank you to the VFW Amvets Post 39 in Lakeview who donated the shaving cream for this event.



The Special Olympics Unified Bowling teams for the Logan County Braves will be participating in the National Unified Championships in Louisiana in February. Several fundraisers have been held over the last few months to assist in the costs for the athletes.

In new business, the Board reviewed and approved several contracts including contracts with Shelby County Board of DD, Mote & Associates, RTC, Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, Company Mileage and the Chamber Energy Program. The Board approved one updated policy as well.

Board meetings are typically held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 1973 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next meeting of the board will be held on March 6th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. For further information on services, contact us at 937-592-0015.

