

**Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes**

April 17, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

The April 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll call: Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez (absent), Stacy Mangette, Kevin Albright, Cindy Peters, Lora Lyons, Shenia Mesker (absent).

Agenda

To approve the April 17, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 23

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Lora Lyons

Motion approved unanimously.

Remove discussion of sick leave donation policy.

Minutes

To approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes:

Motion: 24

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the March 2025 financial reports:

Motion: 25

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

Early Intervention:

- We had 10 referrals come through last month. Of those 10, we evaluated 8. (One parent would not respond to us and the other parent would like to wait a little while before the evaluation.
- We currently have 27 kids enrolled. We have 7 going through the intake process.
- We are starting the Young Athletes program in May. We have two open houses next week (Monday and Thursday) The program will be Thursday evenings from 6-7 at First Christian Church in Paulding.
- Our State Consultant came to visit on Tuesday.

Superintendent:

1.The Ohio House of Representatives voted to approve House Bill 96, the state operating budget for FY 2026 and 2027.

House Bill 96 now moves on to the Senate where hearings are expected the week of April 21. Notable provisions in the bill include:

-Allocating \$190,000 each fiscal year in DODD's budget to provide family support services and respite care for children with disabilities.

-Exemption of intellectual and developmental disability services from the House-added prohibition on using Medicaid funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

-Requirement for Superintendents to ensure certain SSAs complete an online training program.

-Increased funding for Early Intervention to help support the evaluation and assessment functions performed by County Boards.

-Increased state General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars necessary to uphold the state's commitment to maintain current provider rates.

Despite advocacy efforts by the DD Budget Coalition, the House version of the budget did not include any additional appropriations that would fund an incremental rate increase for Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages.

2.OACB recently hosted a webinar explaining a new "stop-loss" program launching July 1, 2025. This program was created in response to a 2023 DODD survey in which county board Superintendents and Business Managers identified managing the high costs of certain Medicaid waivers as their top concern. The stop-loss program is designed to protect county boards

from the financial risk of very expensive Individual Options (IO) waivers. This program helps make high-cost services more manageable for counties.

Program Breakdown:

- Counties must meet three metrics in order to qualify for the program.
- Qualifying counties will have a set maximum amount they need to pay for each IO waiver.
- The state will cover the amount beyond the County Board max.
- Funding will come from DODD's state General Revenue Funds and a reallocation of existing state dollars.

3.Housing Updates:

a. Williams Street: The interior work of the Williams Street capital project is complete. The remaining outdoor work, including new roof and vinyl shutters, will be completed later this spring or early summer.

b. We have a couple of individuals in need of housing in Paulding. Jay Gamble (VWCBDD Facility Coordinator), an SSA, and I went out to tour a couple homes in Paulding. Summit Housing put an offer in for a home on Kay Street, contingent upon inspections.

4.Reminder: For board members who signed up, NOWAC board member training at Defiance College is being held April 30 from 5:00-7:30pm.

Executive Session

To adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Time: 4:25 p.m.

Motion: 26

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Lora Lyons

Motion approved unanimously.

Exit

To come out of Executive Session and declaring no action taken.

Time: 4:45 p.m.

Motion: 27

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment

To adjourn the April 17, 2025 regular Board meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Motion: 28

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peters, Secretary