

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SB40  
RESOURCE BOARD**

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: meeting held in-person at the SB40 Office and via WebEx

Board Present via WebEx: Ms. Katherine Chambers, Ms. Laura Conley, Mr. Larry Sikes, Ms. Colleen Kuenzel

Board Present in-person: Ms. Linda Sentivany, Mr. Walter Murray Jr.

Board Absent: Mr. Paul LaVigne, Steve Wilmesherr

Staff Present via WebEx: Ms. Diane White

Staff Present in-person: Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald, Ms. Anne Barry, Ms. Amanda Sammet

**Agenda-**MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray, Jr., seconded by Ms. Colleen Kuenzel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Comments-** Mr. Larry Ley requested a moment of silence for the passing of Ms. Connie Struckhoff.

**FY2025 Funding Request Presentations**

- a. Ability, Inc.-Ms. Lori Schaedler, Executive Director, reported on services to be provided including Life Ops, Community Supports, Residential Services, and Early Intervention. Ms. Schaedler reported on numbers served and stated that the funding request will be the same as FY2024.
- b. Empac Group-Mr. Tim Poepsel, CEO, reported that they are serving around 160 consumers. Mr. Poepsel stated that business is growing. Mr. Poepsel also stated that Empac is investing widely within the facility to build their people up. Mr. Poepsel reported that the shops are busy, and the business model is the reason why they are able to stay competitive. Mr. Poepsel expects that the funding request will remain the same as FY2024.
- c. Empac Resources-Ms. Sara Gratzner, Director of Employment Services, stated that services are group and individual prevocational services and supported employment. Ms. Gratzner stated that Empac provides support for the life of the job. Ms. Gratzner also stated that Personal Assistant services are provided within the shop and that 119 consumers are serviced. Ms. Gratzner expects the funding request to remain the same as FY2024.
- d. Exceptional Equestrians: (FY2024 shift in funding request before FY2025 funding presentation)-Ms. Lindsay Mohr, Administrative Manager, introduced a new board member, Jennifer McCorkhill. Ms. Mohr requested a shift in funding due to population changes. Ms. Mohr stated that they are seeing a greater demand for licensed therapy sessions versus the Therapeutic Riding program. Ms. Mohr stated that licensed therapy funds were depleted by November and therefore requested a shift in funding to move

\$7,000.00 from the Therapeutic Riding budget to the Licensed Therapy budget for the remainder of the FY24 allocation.

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Ms. Katherine Chambers, to approve a shift of \$7,000.00 from the Therapeutic Riding budget to the Licensed Therapy budget for the remainder of the FY24 allocation. Motion carried (5-0).

- e. Oats-Mr. Michael Burbank, Regional Director, provided an overview of services. Mr. Burbank reported problems with getting buses but more success with recruiting staff. Mr. Burbank shared performance measures and costs to perform services. Mr. Burbank stated that the unit will be increased but the overall funding request will remain basically the same as FY2024.
- f. Service Coordination-Diane White, Director of Service Coordination reported that 109 non-Medicaid consumers are currently being served. Ms. White stated that this number fluctuates monthly with intake and transfers. Ms. White stated that 13 Service Coordinators are completing in person meetings, determining support needs, and linking services. Services may include; transportation, personal assistance, Individual Support Plans, sensory, specialist, medical supplies, camp, therapy, and transition services for school aged.
- g. Temco-Kylene Lottman, Executive Director, announced that they currently serve 20 Franklin County residents and that four are on a waitlist due to transportation issues. Temco provides employment thirty hours/five days per week. Ms. Lottman expects the funding request to be the same as FY2024.
- h. YMCA- Melissa Mueller, Director of Childcare, reported that the YMCA could not use all SB40 funding. This is due to families declining to go through the RRO process. Ms. Mueller announced that the YMCA will not apply for funds for the FY2025 year. Melissa thanked the board for their support.

**Minutes-MOTION** was made by Ms. Laura Conley, seconded by Ms. Colleen Kuenzel, to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**Treasurer's Report-** Ms. Amanda Sammet, Accountant, presented the January financial reports.

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Ms. Katherine Chambers, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried (5-0).

**Executive Director's Report-** Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald shared MACDDS updates including the proposed budget for Missouri and Senate Bill updates. Ms. MacDonald reported that Senate Bills 725 and 733 have been filed and would eliminate personal property taxes through a reduction on personal property tax assessments as real property grows impacting funding for services. Ms. MacDonald shared governor polling data and SB40/Targeted Case Management updates. Ms. MacDonald reported that two seasoned Services Coordinators are slated to rejoin the team this month. Ms. MacDonald reported on staff, consumer, and waiver totals.

**New Business-**none

**Old Business-** Ms. MacDonald announced the receipt of the final project plans from Cochren. The plans have gone out to respondents. An Addendum #2 and extensions with the deadlines were added to ensure fair bidding. The bids are due Friday, March 29th and will be open publicly at the April 8<sup>th</sup> public board meeting. Ms. MacDonald reported that five respondents have shown interest thus far.

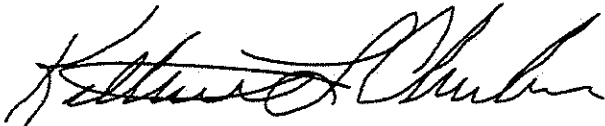
Closed Session-MOTION was made by Ms. Katherine Chambers, seconded by Mr. Walter Murray Jr. to perform a roll call vote to move into Closed Session per RSMO 610.021 subsection (5)(8)(12). Ms. Linda Sentivany performed a roll call vote. Ms. Laura Conley yes, Ms. Katherine Chambers yes, Ms. Laura Conley yes, Mr. Larry Sikes yes, Ms. Colleen Kuenzel yes, Mr. Walter Murray Jr. yes. Motion carried (5-0).

The board moved back into open session.

MOTION was made by Ms. Katherine Chambers, seconded by Ms. Colleen Kuenzel, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Katherine Chambers

Recorded by,



Ms. Anne Barry

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

January Financial Reports  
Executive Director Report  
Ability Inc. Handout  
Exceptional Equestrians' Handout  
Oats' Handout