## FRANKLIN COUNTY SB40 RESOURCE BOARD

Date: November 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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

Mr.Paul LaVigne,

Board Present in-person: Ms. Linda Sentivany, Mr. Larry Sikes, Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, Mr.

Walter Murray

Board Absent: Ms. Elaine Holladay

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. Katherine Chambers, to approve the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

## Public Comments-none

Amanda Koch-I/DD Advocate-Ms. Amanda Koch, Jessica Juliette, Mike Wirtt, and Dorothy Westermayer from the People First Group, announced that they go out in community and help other people with disabilities to make choices for themselves. They also advocate for more transportation services and affordable housing. Ms. Koch stated that they hold fundraising events, such as Dine to Donate at Applebee's which raised \$507.00. Ms. Koch also stated that People First has had guest speakers such as Representative Kyle Marquart. Ms. Koch also reported that she attended Disability Rights Day and the MACDDS conference this year. They are looking into fundraising ideas such as raffles, car washes and attended fair parades. Ms. Koch stated that there are fifteen members in the group. Ms. Koch described the creation of a good life book to communicate through pictures and share advocacy skills.

## **Agency Presentations-**

- a. Oats-Mr. Michael Burbank, Regional Director, reported the effects of Covid-19 on operations. Mr. Burbank introduced Megan Ellert, Operations Manager. Mr. Burbank presented completed trips by year, bus capacity, and number of vehicles. Mr. Burbank described the challenges in obtaining new buses and the measures taken to obtain them. Mr. Burbank gave an overview of the program EZMO Transportation which is a voluntary driver program that transports rural residents. Mr. Burbank reported accident statistics on Oats and the impact on insurance rates. Mr. Burbank stated that finding drivers continues to be an issue. Mr. Burbank thanked the board for their support.
- b. Ability-Ms. Lori Schaedler, Executive Director, presented a handout describing the value-based system. Ms. Schaedler stated that her team has been establishing baselines, utilizing a scoring scale, and using parameters to measure the progress of goals. Ms.

Schadler reported that this system helps with identification of skills and changes that need to be made to ensure progress. Ms. Schaedler announced that Charting the Life Course is the standard used for goals. Ms. Schaedler also shared the numbers served. Ms. Schaedler announced that hiring is underway in the Early Intervention department and turnover has been a struggle in residential program. Ms. Schaedler concluded that Ability will partner with Purina to make a marketing video to recruit Direct Support Professionals.

Minutes-MOTION was made by Mr. Larry Sikes, seconded by Ms. Laura Conley, to approve the October 2023, open and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

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

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried (7-0).

Executive Director's Report- Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald reported MACDDS updates including the number of consumers on a waitlist for a residential service provider statewide. Ms. MacDonald stated that staffing has been a major factor in creating the waitlist and that the DMH FY2025 budget recommendation reflects wage increases for Direct Support Professionals and Service Coordinators. Ms. MacDonald reported that the TCM rate would need to be increased to also increase Service Coordination wages to the proposed start rate. Ms. MacDonald reported Service Coordination caseload updates including the number of consumers and waivers. Ms. MacDonald announced that she has presented at the Union Rotary, Public Administration Guardianship Conference, and participated in the Rotary Pennies for Polio Drive and the Washington School District K-12 Transition Fair. Ms. MacDonald also announced SB40 agency wide Mental Health Day will be held on November 17th and that the agency will participate in the St. Peter's Festival of Trees again this year. Ms. MacDonald reported that Ms. Elaine Holladay would like to step down when her term ends on December 31st but has offered to stay on the board until a replacement can be reappointed. Ms. MacDonald stated that the new board member would need to be a public member that does not reside in Washington and that potential candidates should submit his/her interest letter to her attention by December 31st so that a discussion can be held at the January board meeting.

**Board Reappointment-** MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr. seconded by Ms. Colleen Kuenzel, to recommend Ms. Katherine Chambers for reappointment. Motion carried (7-0).

New Business-Ms. MacDonald stated that she would recommend Cochran Engineering to design the ADA bathroom changes and ramp at the Ron Kruse Building.

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Mr. Larry Sikes to hire Cochran Engineering to design the three ADA bathrooms and two ramps at the Ron Kruse Building for a cost of \$4,500.00. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry Sikes, seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by,

Ms. Katherine Chambers

Ms. Anne Barry

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**ATTACHMENTS** 

October Financial Reports
Executive Director Report
Oats Handout
Ability Handout
Missourian Publications