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**FRANKLIN COUNTY SB40
RESOURCE BOARD**

Date: November 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

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

Board Present via Webex: Mr. Paul LaVigne, Ms. Katherine Chambers, Ms. Colleen Kuenzel

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

Board Absent: Ms. Laura Conley

Staff Present via Webex: None

Staff Present in person: Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald, Ms. Rebecca Sinklear, Ms. Amanda Sammet

Agenda- MOTION was made by Mr. Walt, seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, to approve the November 2024 agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comments- Brad Banderman, District 19 State Representative, introduced himself and announced his re-election in office. Mr. Banderman discussed his understanding of Franklin County SB40 funding needs and the effect that changes in tax sources have on Franklin County SB40. Mr. Banderman encouraged all to advocate in Jefferson City at the budget chairs office. Mr. Banderman went on to report building a relationship with elected officials in Jefferson City to continue to advocate. Mr. Banderman stated he is interested in learning about FCSB40 to better understand and bring concerns to the table.

Agency Presentations-

- a. Ability- Ms. Lori Schaedler, Executive Director, presented on Ability's recent results of their satisfaction survey. Ms. Schaedler reported on areas of success and areas needed improvement. Ms. Schaedler reported on the status of each program. Ms. Schaedler reported on Early Intervention, stating the program is currently recruiting for a physical therapist. Ms. Schaedler reported on Residential, stating the previous staffing crisis is improving and the program is manageably fully staffed. Ms. Schaedler reported that the staffing increase is a reflection on Ability increasing the entry level rate of pay to \$20 per hour. Ms. Schaedler reported that the increase in entry level rate of pay was made possible after adjustments to health insurance benefits were made. Ms. Schaedler reported that Ability is focusing on Increasing the supports needed to provide appropriate end of life care for individuals aging and who are in need of additional supports. Ms. Schaedler reported on Community Supports, stating PA and ISD have been less of a need while transportation has been increasing. Ms. Schaedler reported on Life-Ops, day program, stating there is a growing wait list

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due to individual's requesting waiver's and being placed on the waiver waitlist. Ms. Schaedler reported on Recreation, Stating the program recently went on a trip to Mall of America, there were approximately 30 consumers who attended the trip, and it was a successful trip. Ms. Schaedler reported of the 30 attendees one individual was able to attend by accessing the life enhancement fund to pay for the trip. Ms. Schaedler reported approximately 340 consumers receive services through Ability.

- b. Oats- Ms. Megan Ellert reported on locations throughout Missouri that Oats serves. Ms. Ellert went on to report that the population of individuals being served is the majority IDD, elderly, and occasionally general public depending on the need and availability. Ms. Ellert reported the need for Oats transportation amongst those being served is for access to attend sheltered workshop, day hab, medical/dialysis, employment, essential shopping, business errands, education, senior center, meal delivery, and recreation. Ms. Ellert reported on total trips completed each fiscal year from FY2019 to FY2023, with a breakdown to total trips completed each month. Ms. Ellert reported each bus's pick-up locations and drop off locations. Ms. Ellert reported each bus's make, model, year, and seating capacity. Ms. Ellert reported on EZMO transportation, a volunteer transportation resource. Ms. Ellert reported on FY24 and FY23 statistics of accidents, injuries, workers compensation claims. Ms. Ellert discussed the training that is in place to address situations, to improve driving records, and to educate on safety. Ms. Ellert provided Oats organizational chart as well as Oats regional organizational chart. Ms. Ellert provided images and descriptions of current vehicles available. Ms. Ellert reported on the "where's our ride" app that allows individuals to track their driver and receive information regarding their assigned route. Mr. Michael Burbank reported on increased cost for operation including Fixed cost insurance increases 15-20% each year, increase in cost of vehicles, and fluctuating gas prices.

Minutes- The members of the board reviewed the October 14, 2024, meeting minutes.

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry Sikes, seconded by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., to approve the October 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

Treasurer's Report- Ms. Amanda Sammet, Accountant, presented the October 2024 financial report.

MOTION was made by Ms. Katherine Chambers, seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, to accept the October 2024 Treasurer's report. Motion carried (7-0).

Executive Director's Report- Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald reported on the Medicaid Waiver waitlist and common reasons for the waitlist being staffing shortages, inpatient bed at capacity, and funding. Ms. MacDonald went on to report SB40 currently serving 654 consumers with 526 of those consumers being Medicaid recipients, and 128 being non-Medicaid. Ms. MacDonald reported that the current Medicaid waiver slots waitlisted include 4 needing residential placement, 4 exceeding PFH hard cap, 5 Need initial services, SMS, PA, EMPAC, Job-ops, Oats,

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Easter Seals bringing the total on the waitlist to 13 individuals. Ms. MacDonald reported on SB40's Operational and Community Engagements such as Polio Awareness/SB40 Presentation at Union Rotary, Pennies for Polio Drive at Union Walmart, K-12 Transition Fair at Washington School District, First Annual Accessible and Sensory Friendly Halloween Event, SB40 Staff Mental Health Day. Ms. MacDonald concluded that SB40 will host an upcoming Jeopardy Social Hour and participate in St. Peter's UCC 2024 Annual Festival of Trees again this year.

New Business- Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald, Executive Director, reported on recent sewer back issues at the Ron Kruse Building. Ms. MacDonald reported on the steps that took place to resolve the situation as well as the cleanup efforts. Ms. MacDonald reported it was discovered that a root from a shrub was causing a barrier in the sewer line preventing a flow leading to the backup inside the building. Ms. MacDonald provided a detailed explanation of the repair needing to be done and the estimate received by Mr. Rooter to complete the repairs. Ms. MacDonald requested to forgo RFP and to approve the sewer line repairs as an emergency project, with Mr. Rooter completing the repair at an estimated cost of \$3,587.00.

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Ms. Katherine Chambers, to approve Mr. Rooter to complete the Sewer Pipe Repair as an emergency project in the amount of \$3,587.00. Motion carried (7-0).

Old Business- Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald, Executive Director reported that the Ron Kruse Building Foundation Repair Project had been completed by Perma Jack of St. Louis on October 31, 2024.

Closed Session – Closed Session MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr, second by Mr. Larry Sikes to perform a roll call vote to move into Closed Session per RSMO 610.021 subsection (3) Personnel. Ms. Linda Sentivany performed a roll call vote. Mr. Larry Sikes, yes, Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, yes, Mr. Walter Murray Jr., yes, Ms. Colleen Kuenzel, yes, Ms. Katherine Chambers, yes, Mr. Paul LaVigne, yes, Ms. Linda Sentivany, yes. Motion carried (7-0).

The board moved back into open session.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Ms. Katherine Chambers

Recorded by,



Ms. Rebecca Sinklear

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Oats Report

Ability Report

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