

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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MEDIA RELEASE

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Welcomes New Staff

The LCBDD met in regular session on Thursday April 18th and welcomed two new staff members, Michael Orahood filled a vacant position as a fulltime custodian and Carol Thornburg filled a vacant position as a part-time Cook Assistant 1. Michael, who is from Bellefontaine, has worked as an intermittent custodian and began his fulltime responsibilities on April 15th. Carol, who resides in West Liberty, will begin work on April 22.

The board also discussed staffing changes since December 31, 2011. The agency is currently operating with 13 fewer employees since that date. This decrease is through attrition. Bauer says that the agency is still providing the same amount of services and in some cases providing more services than it did in 2011. With fewer employees, the board of DD is saving approximately \$600,000 in taxpayer dollars.

In other business, Superintendent Saul Bauer discussed the affects of Medicaid Expansion on the board of DD's associates and the agencies that provide services to the associates. Superintendent Bauer met with Congressman Jim Jordan and State Representative John Adams to express his concerns..Superintendent Bauer says there currently is not enough support at the state level to pass Medicaid Expansion. Without the expansion, many people with disabilities would not be able to receive or would see a reduction in services. It would also not extend coverage to about 275,000 low income Ohioans and would not keep \$2.4 billion in federal tax dollars in the state. That would equate to \$13 billion over seven years. It would also not strengthen the local mental health and addictive services. Nothing is gained by choosing not to expand Medicaid in Ohio. Tax dollars and Federal dollars that could be kept in Ohio to strengthen our communities will be spent elsewhere, in other states.

Mr. Bauer said that the Logan County Board of DD has been looking to see how the Affordable Healthcare Act will affect the costs to the agency. Next year they will have to pay an additional \$25,000 in taxes to support the Affordable Healthcare Act. They are waiting on final details of the program to see what other impact this may have on their agency.

Superintendent Bauer said that the board of DD will be hosting its first blood drive on May 24th from Noon to 4:00 pm. The agency has been given so much by the community and they want to give back. The agency aims to make the blood drive a quarterly event. We are in need of donors. If you would like to donate you can register at www.donortime.com or call Deb Morrison at 292-3011. All donors will receive a T-shirt. Juice, snacks and finger sandwiches will also be provided for donors.

Mr. Bauer also reminded everyone that the annual flower sale is underway. Sales continue through April 26th. So please place your order soon. You can view the order form on our web site at www.logancbdd.org. To place an order, call the Discovery Center at 592-2009 or fax a form to 592-3098, or e-mail Connie Hall at chall@logancbdd.org. Flowers will be available for pick up on May 10th from 9 am to 6 pm at the Discovery Center- just in time for Mothers Day. We will also have Mother's Day cards available that were created by associates at Pos-Abilities and bows will be available to purchase at pick up.

The Board approved amendments to policy 5.7.5 – Fringe Benefits, to discontinue reimbursement for cellular phones, and approved amendments to Chapter 3 – Fiscal Policy, adding a credit card policy, removing the procurement card section and updating the policy to correlate with changes to the Ohio Revised Code. The next finance committee meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for May 9th at 3:30 pm at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, May 16th at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room.

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