

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Media Release
March 15, 2012

DD AWARENESS MONTH CELEBRATES
“Our Community is Better Together”

The board met in regular session on Thursday, March 15, 2012.

The board discussed developmental disabilities awareness month which is an annual statewide public education campaign and focuses on people with developmental disabilities. During this celebratory time the board recognized the value people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have every day in our communities. The board provides a valuable service to the community as they provide and/or advocate for lifelong services to over 500 individuals with developmental disabilities. Currently serving 60 children through Early Intervention; nearly 200 children in the preschool; provide homes for 23 people; support 65 individuals in community housing; 40 people in community employment; serving well over 100 individuals in sheltered employment; and about 20 retired individuals in the senior program. A few of the month long activities include, the annual Elected Officials breakfast which will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 8:00 am where the keynote speaker will be Patrick Stephan, Deputy Director of Medicaid Development and Administration with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Valerie Robb a parent of one of the Associates, Judge Michael Brady, Family Court and John Bayliss, President of Logan County Commissioners; the annual appreciation breakfast honoring the business clients of RTC, Industries and the local businesses that employ persons with developmental disabilities was held on March 13th; Joy Badenhop, Nancy Evans-Donley, Karen Hesson-Brady and Superintendent Saul Bauer were on WPKO/WBLL radio station on the In-Sync program highlighting the agency programs and relaying life stories of a couple of the Associates.

Superintendent Bauer recognized the RTC Employee Job Club members for setting a new record by selling 1,025 dozen donuts this month. The Job Club holds two Krispy Kreme doughnut sales each year. All proceeds from the fundraiser sales go directly to the person making the sale to assist in paying for their annual trip. Each Associate paid 100% of the cost of this year's trip to Washington D.C. The D.C. trip will assist the club to learn more about our nation's heritage. To become a member of the Job Club the individual holds a job in the community. The reason for forming the committee was to give the Associates a time to meet and recreate with their friends at RTC. Mr. Bauer thanked the community as

well as local businesses for continuing to show tremendous support to our programs and to the individuals we serve.

In other business, Mr. Bauer discussed the work in progress to develop a 5 year financial budget, “fiscal forecast,” looking at trends and patterns in the areas of department budgets, salaries, benefits, waiver streams, targeted case management, contracts, aging care givers, preschool and early intervention attendance. The fiscal forecast will serve as the framework to develop the 2013 budget and future services for the Logan Co. Board of DD.

The board discussed the upcoming geranium fundraiser taking place through April 25th. The LCBDD auxiliary committee has expanded the fundraiser to include hanging baskets this year. The community may obtain more information and the order form by going to the agency website at www.logancbdd.org, or orders may be placed by calling 592-2009 or faxing their order to 592-3098.

The next finance committee meeting is April 12th at 7 am in the board office conference room with the board meeting on April 19th at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West. Meetings are open to the public.

Executive Secretary

Pamela Hickman

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