

# LCBDD Held Annual Public Forum at Novembers Board Meeting & Elects Officers for 2014

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities met on Thursday November 21, 2013. During this meeting they held their Annual Public Forum and reviewed the following:

**Report on the 2013 and 2014 Agency and Department Goals:** The Board reported its achievements of the 2013 Agency Goals. Superintendent Bauer expressed appreciation to the employees of the Board for their accomplishments in 2013. “We aspired to lofty goals in 2013 and were able to achieve these goals due to the dedication of the leadership team, our department heads and our employees.” The 2014 Annual Action Plan & Goals were presented by the department heads, (Karen Hesson-Brady, Tonya Reed, Lana Switzer, Joy Badenhop and Deb Morrison. Tonya Reed represented Nancy Evans-Donley and Saul Bauer represented David Fromm) in accordance with OAC 5123:2-1-02, and a three year plan in accordance with ORC 5123.054, and the agencies 5 year budget. Acting President, Mike Hassel, expressed gratitude to the Department Heads and to the employees of the Board for their service to the Board and to the people served by the Board.

Superintendent Bauer explained that the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities implemented changes over the past two years to assure fiscal stability. Financial Mission and Goals we set and approved in 2012-2013. The Board launched the preliminary work for departmental budgets in 2012 and successfully completed the implementation of the budgets in 2013. This change permitted each department to have additional ownership and control over the funds necessary to operate the six agency departments. The 5 year Budget report exemplifies the efficiencies of the past two years. LCBDD has been below expenditures and above revenues each of the past two years. The Board remains well below budget dating back to 2010 and is operating efficiently and effectively. Currently the Board is 10.1% below expenditures and 10.3% above revenues. They still have a couple more significant expenditures before the end of the year including the installation of a security system for the organization’s two buildings.

Mr. Bauer presented a resolution to the Board regarding Early Intervention programs and services. The resolution was presented to clarify and define the Board’s responsibilities for EI services.

In other Board activity the Board approved the contract for Superintendent Bauer pending the review of legal counsel. The Board recognized two parting Board members for their years of dedicated service. Denyse Bayliss who is the parting President served on the Board for 15 years and Connie Hudson, the Recording Secretary served on the Board for 8 years. The County Commissioner’s office will appoint new members to the Board prior to our next Board meeting, January 16, 2014.

During the annual organizational meeting, Mr. Mike Hassel was elected Board president, Mr. Jeff Martin was elected Board vice president, and Mrs. Jennifer Thornburgh was elected recording secretary. Mrs. Debra Morrison, Human Resources/Executive Secretary and Notary Public gave the Oath of Office. The following Board members will sit on the executive finance and ethics committee: Mr. Mike Hassel, Mr. Jeff Martin, and Mr. Zeb Wagner.

The public is invited to attend our meetings. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio. The next Board meeting, will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm at the LCBDD Board office conference room, 1851 St. Rt. 47, Bellefontaine Ohio.