

Greene County Board of
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights August 17th, 2022

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from June 15th 2022.
- Board members discussed the new Parent Advocacy & Advisory Council they are developing.

Topics of discussion

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

August 17, 2022 Board Report:

Division: Early Intervention

Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey

Updates:

We have continued to provide more in-person services to families with needs related to accomplishing the outcomes listed in their IFSP. The Public Health Service Coordinators are discussing location of service delivery with all families during initial intake process and during IFSP meetings. Service Coordinators along with our staff are discussing location of service delivery and are making decisions with families to make sure their needs are met based on their child's IFSP outcomes and the progress made on those outcomes.

In regards to COVID numbers being on the rise, discussion about location of service delivery has become part of the everyday discussions with families, along with mask wearing. We will jointly decide with families what actions are needed to keep safety a priority.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Early Intervention referrals went down in July (20), but we expect numbers to go up as school starts.

Approximately 34% of EI visits were delivered in-person in July, and 40% in June. According to EI documentation, if all visits that were scheduled in-person actually happened (some switched to virtual for one reason or another), it would have been 37%. We are not looking for a specific percentage; we are just collecting data. We foresee this percentage going up and down every month.

Program Information:

Henry Matthews, our new EI state consultant will be providing a 3-hour training with our staff and Service Coordinator staff (Public Health) on November 2nd on writing functional outcomes. This is always a good training and refresher.

DODD had provided clarification and information on the Eligibility process and qualifications. We had planned to provide a joint staff training with Service Coordinators for June and July Staff Meeting, but has now been postponed to September. DODD is coming out with a document that will help create a strong plan to improve practices in our county. That document should be released in August.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides counties with additional, one-time funding to support their Early Intervention programs from July 2021-June 2023.

In Greene County, Family and Children First Council holds the grant, and the budgets for both GCPH Service Coordination and for us, GCBDD Early Intervention Program were approved, but still awaiting an MOU. For SFY 23, we will be purchasing the updated Battelle III evaluation tools, software, and equipment for each direct staff member. We hope to start ordering soon.

Special Events/Activities:

Daycare Project combined efforts of Community Services and Early Intervention:

We had been meeting with local daycares to see how we can assist and support them in their ability to care for individuals with disabilities. The consensus of the daycares we have met with has been the want and need for education and understanding of development, how to work with individuals with diagnoses or delays, and how to connect with parents. The hope for this Daycare Project is to provide knowledge to local daycares to build their confidence and competence to care for individuals with disabilities.

August Update Daycare Project: This project is moving along and the training for our first Daycare is scheduled for August 24th at 5pm. We are very excited that we have to opportunity to strengthen our relationships with other divisions of the board and our Greene County daycares!

New "News":

Our **Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team** is opening dates beginning September 13. If a family is scheduled, the evaluations will be held at the Four Oaks building every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm. October and November months are still open for scheduling. Our ADEP Team includes Raleita Furlow, MEd (DS and ADEP Coordinator), Gina Tulamarie, MA, CCC/SLP, Anne Marie Cardilino, MS, CCC/SLP, Jennifer Montague, MS (DS and PLAY Consultant), and Robin Stewart (DS and PLAY Consultant). Our medical partner is Dr. Boreman, MD, FAAP, Medical Director of the Autism Center and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician at Dayton Children's Hospital.

Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

ECP Exit Surveys – July 2022 – Four Oaks received 12 responses- Huge increase!

Sharing one Parent comment due to the high volume of survey responses:

The most valuable thing that stands out in my most recent experience was the suggestion to have my son evaluated by a neurologist. I had raised a concern to my team about my son exhibiting an odd behavior. My team got together to figure out how to address it and decided the first thing I needed to do was have him see a neurologist to rule out any major issues. Then they could figure out how to move forward in addressing this issue. I took this advice, scheduled an appointment with my pediatrician to have him looked at and have her send in a referral for a neurology consult. My son was diagnosed with Epilepsy. The odd behavior I was witnessing turned out to be seizures. He was having dozens a day. I can honestly say I am not sure my son would have been diagnosed so early if they had not encouraged me to see a neurologist. This condition definitely affected his development because once his seizures were controlled with medication, I could see him starting to move forward in many areas of development. My family is very grateful. I have been an advocate for your program since my first son entered the program in 2012. I am providing my name on this survey. If you need a parent advocate for your program, I would be happy to provide any assistance I can for this program that has helped my family in so many ways!

Staff Shout Outs during weekly PSP Meetings and Monthly Staff Meeting:

Shout Out: I want to give a shout out to Beth (DS) and Anne Marie (SLP). We had a family this week that had a lot of concerns for their child and they both took the time to answer mom's questions, gave some strategies to help mom now, and gave some examples of what they were talking about so mom would understand a little better. They also gave out some websites/resource information for the mom that would give her the best information so that she wasn't just searching on the internet. I feel that this mom was very overwhelmed with all that is going on with her child and these ladies did a wonderful job helping to calm mom's fears and helped equip her some basic knowledge and a direction on where to go from here. ~Bonnie (SC)

*Beth (DS) wanted to thank Bonnie (SC) for her part in the process with this family. She stated that Bonnie also did a wonderful job in supporting them. The whole team was grateful for their shared experience with the family.

Shout Out: DS, Beth wants to thank PT, Pam D. for bending over backwards to be sure that a few of her kiddos were fit in to her schedule to evaluate for shoe inserts and her part in ensuring that these kiddos receive the support needed to experience the best possible start in their journey.

Shout Out: Thank you Julie S. (DS) for picking up a seat for me from one of Kaitlyn's kids while she was on vacation!! I was notified that the family was moving to IN so we had to get it picked up that day! Julie was so kind to go get it after hours. ~Bridget (PT)

Shout Out: We have had some amazing coaching opportunities lately and I am so proud of our staff! On August 9th, a mother joined us on our PSP weekly Zoom meeting to receive coaching from our entire team of experts. Stephanie Martin facilitates these meetings and was able to bring up a video of her child for all to see the behavior in question during the meeting. There were lots of great questions, great feedback, and an overall great learning opportunity for all. The meeting prior to this, Stephanie was even able to play a voicemail clip left by a different mom, explaining her child's needs and her concerns. Technology keeps surprising us.

-Jennifer Frey

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August 2022 Board Report:

Division: SSA

Division Director Reporting: Denise Summerville

Updates:

- Greene CATS weekend transportation ended July 1, 2022. There were approximately 25 individuals impacted by this change. Although we met with three agencies in the month of June, none of them were able to commit to meet the transportation needs of the displaced riders as a group. Individuals are using temporary solutions such as changing their work schedules or having parent/family member transporting. Employment Navigators and SSAs continue seeking transportation options. There is a company called A Friend in Deed, suggested by OOD as an option; the company is interested in getting certified through DODD but cannot move forward at present due to the DODD's certification blackout timelines.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

June Productivity: 51% July Productivity: 52%

FIRST QUARTER TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY: 51%

SECOND QUARTER TOTAL PRODUCTIVITY: 52%

Eligibility Information/Referrals for June: 25

Eligibility Information/Referrals for July: 27

Program Information:

- SSA caseloads are on the rise- between 32 to 34 cases per SSA.
- SSAs are continuing to train and incorporate OISPs into their caseloads.
- Preparation for Accreditation is underway. SSA Assistants set up electronic files system to manage all of the requested information (i.e. Assessments, ISPs, Case notes). DODD will review 21 individuals currently being served on waivers. We have to submit requested information in

mid- August for their review prior to the onsite DODD visit scheduled for September 26-27, 2022.

- Acknowledgement of FANTASTIC services: We received calls from an outside agency regarding a young adult who was believed to have a disability and parent was very ill in the hospital. Neighbors in the community also reached out concerned about this individual's well-being. Eligibility Coordinator Vanessa Emanoff, knowing very little about this individual, jumped in and coordinated an OEDI with the individual utilizing hospital social workers and any available contacts (which were limited). The family lived in isolation from many services and other people. Vanessa was instrumental in getting this individual through eligibility process in record time and into our system. Due to her outreach, when this individual's parent subsequently passed away, GCBDD was able to successfully get this individual into a stable environment!
- SSAs are now accessing the Rapid Response System (state tool/resource to assist with finding technology solutions/providers) to assist with meeting assistive tech needs and requests made by families.
- 2 individuals are utilizing Merakey's DDTT (Dual diagnosis treatment team) to help ISP teams address these individual's mental health and intense behavioral challenges.
- Telehealth office has been set up at the board office for individuals who lack the necessary technology at home to access telehealth services. This provides a safe private space for virtual meetings with psychiatrists, counselors and or physicians. Two of our SSAs spearheaded this effort with a huge assist from our IT department.

Special Events/Activities:

We had a few SSAs attend the SSA Forum on June 2nd. They received important information regarding changes to the rules, GT Independence, etc.

June 23rd was our Quarterly SSA Table Talk. We discussed all the new changes with the Waivers and especially Self Direction with a special focus on Self Directed Transportation.

- We had a total of 20 families in attendance (both sessions combined)

- Results of the Table Talk: Positive feedback and continued confusion! GT Independence is still working on getting all SSAs access to their portal and being able to process new service requests. 😊

All three Eligibility Coordinators met virtually with Family Promise of Greene County on July 28, 2022 to cross train on eligibility processes and services available from each agency.

New "News":

We have 2 new SSAs starting on August 15th! Cheyann McKee and Caitlin Bratton are replacing two of our SSAs who resigned.

Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:

Parents who attended the June Table Talk indicated that they appreciate the format as it provides an opportunity to hear information and ask questions. Our next Table Talk will be this fall with the Ohio ISP as our topic.

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Division: Community Services

Director Reporting: Jeanne Turner

Updates:

Greene COVID Updates

- We've had 9 additional individuals served test positive for COVID since the beginning of June, including 2 additional hospitalizations
- Cumulative numbers to date: **78** confirmed positive cases; **11** hospitalizations; **3** deaths related to COVID
- COVID positive cases continue to be reported to Melissa Green, QA RN, by providers, caregivers, and Board team. Melissa maintains our COVID tracking and continues to share reports with Greene County Public Health, confirming CDC and local guidance as needed.
- As of 8/8/22 Greene County remains at a "High" risk category per CDC county reporting, where we stayed throughout the month of July
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
- Interactive CDC Quarantine and Isolation Calculator:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>
- Providers continue to reach out to Melissa to request PPE from our Board supplies.
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Statewide DSP Retention Payments Update

- There are still a lot of uncertainties about the timeline for rolling out the program and the reporting process. DODD has expressed their commitment for training development and FAQs in the days ahead as process details are finalized.
- **Draft** rule has been circulated, with feedback being requested from state stakeholders, titled: "Home and community-based services waivers - retention payments for direct support professionals".
https://link.zixcentral.com/u/83280736/wHswDGQH7RGI0efKhns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdodd.ohio.gov%2Fwps%2Fwcm%2Fconnect%2Fgov%2F8374bd1c-6093-448f-82bb-37411f3cec9a%2F5123-9-05%2B2022-07-13.pdf%3FMOD%3DAJPERES%26CONVERT_TO%3Durl%26CACHEID%3DROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HG_GIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-8374bd1c-6093-448f-82bb-37411f3cec9a-o7UAXU7
- On July 27th, OPRA (Ohio Provider Resources Association) provided formal feedback to DODD on the proposed rule, including one suggestion for clarifying language that would allow for varying roles/titles of Provider employees providing direct service to be eligible for the program, not just those with the title of "DSP".

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

- 7 new Independent providers working with individuals in July
- 3 new (to Greene) Agency providers

- Susan had an exceptionally busy month assisting lots of new prospective Independent providers rush to meet the August 5th deadline for new applications to be submitted, and the \$125 application fee to be waived. No certification applications (including renewals) will be accepted until Medicaid's new PNM centralized application portal is launched, which is anticipated to occur the beginning of October.

Program Information:

Project Life:

- Project Life will start the 2022/2023 school year on August 18th at Wright State University with 10 students participating this school year.

Special Events/Activities:

All Hands In:

- Diner's Club was July 27th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the food court of The Mall at Fairfield Commons. Turnout was around 30 people.
- Josh and Megan worked hard coordinating the 5k adaptive trail event with the Ohio River Runners at Caesar's Creek to raise awareness about the need for accessible trails, as a result the First Annual Challenging Perceptions Trail race was held at Caesar's Creek 50 Springs Loop Trail on Saturday June 25th. Approximately 110 individuals participated and was comprised of individuals served by the DD system, friends, family, and runners and walkers from the Ohio River Road Runners Club. This event was significant because it was a collaboration between many partners and was hosted by the Ohio River Road Runners. Other partners included Luke 5 Adventures, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Caesar's Creek Naturalist Association, and the Greene, Montgomery, and Warren County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. The course was made adaptive by offering lengths of 1 mile, 2 miles, and 3.1 miles. Luke 5 Adventures made the course accessible to individuals that use wheel chairs by bringing adaptive off-road chairs.

Below is a link to a new story with a video:

<https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/cincinnati/news/2022/06/25/new-trail-race-welcomes-people-with-disabilities-in-caesar-creek-state-park#>

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Division: Finance and Administration

Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer

Updates:

Front Desk/Receptionist
Yellow Springs Home Inc.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Federal Revenue

MAC	\$347,022
TCM	\$339,668
TITLE XX	\$13,555
	<u>\$700,245</u>

Financials:

Beginning Cash Balance, as of 1/1/22	\$24,909,939	
YTD Revenue, as of 7/31/22	\$8,702,082	59%
YTD Expense, as of 7/31/22	(\$9,406,946)	56%
Ending Cash Balance	\$24,205,075	
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$4,462,166	
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463	
	\$29,039,704	

See Attached for Monthly Details

Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On
	7/31/2022
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1116
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	20
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	239
Play Project Enrolled	17
Board Eligibility	14
Service and Support	560
Recreation Events	2
Behavioral Support	39
Restrictive Measures	2
Unusual & Major incident investigation	122
Providers-Independent	121
Provider-Agencies	46
Waiver Recipients	393
Medicaid Waiver Services	477
Family Support Services Enrolled	126
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	73

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Division: Community Relations

Director Reporting: Delana Zapata

Updates:

Silfies media videos shoots are almost finished. Working on final edits of those completed. Once finalized, they will be viewable on our website and our GCBDD YouTube page.

Staff Inservice was put on temporary hold until we can meet as a whole group in person.

GCBDD Strategic Plan, including Community Relations portion, will be updated in October.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Facebook Page Reach last 2 months:

June:

Post Reach: 4,417

Post Engagement: 1,439

New Followers: 13

July:

Post Reach: 3,601

Post Engagement: 761

New Followers: 9

Program Information:

Boot Camp videos and review were completed by K. Kleiser, and shared on social media, and website.

Meetings attended (outside of regular community events/meetings):

SWCOG meeting regarding Mental Health

SWCOG meeting with Beacon

Eligibility meeting

ESC/ Family First FULL Council meeting

Special Events/Activities:

Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race was a huge success! There are lots of posts about it on our Facebook page (shared from several other group pages as well).

New "News":

DSP spotlight for Loretta Talty was done, and promoted.

Plans are in works of how to celebrate DSP Recognition week (Sept 11-17).



Special events promoted:

A local church, Heritage Fellowship Church, has started a new program, Shine - HFC Disabilities Ministry.

Sensory Morning at the Ohio State Fair (Aug 3rd)

Assistive Technology of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, present TechSummit 2022 (Aug 12th)

Help Me Grow now offers the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) online screening for Ohio families with children under age three

First Responder Meet & Greet for Special Needs Families (Oct 8th)

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

August 17, 2022 Board Report:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates:

A couple of meetings ago we had a discussion regarding a program that Dr. Yang from UC Health Freeman Center had introduced to the South Western Ohio Cog of which Greene is one of 6 counties in that COG.

Dr. Yang reached out again and asked the 6 counties to fund a 2 year pilot project to allow the center to employ and develop a position of Community Navigator at the Freeman center. The total cost would be \$68,000 or approximately \$11,000 per county for the 2 years.

The center provides specialized, coordinated, patient-centered healthcare for adults with IDD, providing many services including longitudinal primary care, psychiatry, physical medicine and, rehabilitation, RN care management, nutrition services, and mental health counseling.

They currently serve 1,000 adults with IDD and have plans to expand.

During these 2 years they will track which counties are being served, how many patients are or are not connected to DDS services, what the needed services are, and to explore billing options to make the role sustainable with an eye on making the position full time.

All six counties have indicated a willingness to participate in the pilot.

The Ohio Association of County Boards has promoted Adam Herman to serve as the next CEO for the Association. Adam is the current interim CEO and formerly the Chief Operating Officer for the Association.

The Association has also replaced Randy Beach with John Trunk carrying out Superintendent Search responsibilities, and are beginning the process of

searching for replacements for Rick Black and Lori Stanfa who will retire at years end.

Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:

Random numbers:

The average Board spends 55% of its budget on personnel Greene Spends 51%.

The average cost of personnel expenses per person served is \$7,346, Greene spends \$5,904. The average cost of personnel per wavier is \$18,018. Greene county is \$17,250.

The average Board has 3 tax levies of which at least 2 are continuing, Greene has 1 fixed term 5-year levy. The average per mill yield per capita is \$24.88. In Greene county it is \$23.00

In 2015 Ohio spent \$3.4 billion in DD spending the 3rd highest in the Country.

In 2021 CBDD paid 43% of all wavier match, a 41% increase since 2001 or \$290 million a \$298 million dollar increase, putting local Boards at almost a 50/50 split with the Department.

Based on the CY20 cost report all Boards reported total expenses of \$1.27 billion with Wavier Match at 26%/ \$338 million, followed by SSA at 16%/206million, and 0-2 at 9%/ \$110 million.

Since 2012 enrollment in Greene County has risen by 40% with an increase from 795 individuals to 1109, while the voted millage has remained the same at 3.5 mills.

The 6.5% increase for DSP's has been approved and the cost to Greene County DD will be approximately \$400,000 annually.

The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for September 21st at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.

Note: All reports above, are merely a summary of the board meeting and reports submitted.