

Greene County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities



Board Meeting Highlights January 17th, 2024

Board Actions

- Board members held a required Organizational Meeting to elect officers.
  - \* Proposed Slate for 2024, and Approved:
    - President: Paul Quolke
    - Vice-President: Elizabeth Eng
    - Recording Secretary: Cara Hume
- Approval of the minutes from Nov.15th, 2023
- Board approved to extend John LaRock's (Superintendent) contract till December 2025.
- Board approved 2024 GCBDD Board Meeting Schedule

**Topics of discussion**

# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January 17, 2024 Board Report:**

**Division:** Community Services

**Director Reporting:** Jeanne Turner

### **Updates:**

NEW provider pay raise amounts

PREVIOUS RATE HPC per 15 minute billing unit: \$5.38	NEW RATE HPC per 15 minute billing unit: \$7.04	PREVIOUS PAY RATE EXAMPLE: Independent Provider who 40 hours per week would make: \$860.80	NEW PAY RATE EXAMPLE: Independent Provider who 40 hours per week would make: \$1,126.40	Pay increase of \$265.60 dollars per week for an independent provider working 40 hours per week
PREVIOUS RATE OSL daily rate for ODDP Range 1 and 2: \$108.12	NEW RATE OSL daily rate for ODDP Range 1 and 2: \$141.41	PREVIOUS PAY RATE EXAMPLE: Independent Provider who does OSL 7 days per week would make: \$756.84	NEW PAY RATE EXAMPLE: Independent Provider who provides OSL 7 days per week would make: \$989.87	Pay increase of \$233.03 dollars per week for an independent provider working OSL 7 days per week

### 2023 Training Certificates Issued:

- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid – 161
- DODD required DSP Training -29
- Additional DSP required hours training – 28
- Ukeru (Behavior Support) – 6
- Volunteer Training – 50
- Sexuality Education Parent Training – 5

### Transition Services:

- Everything was moved from the 4Oaks building to Toward Independence on January 4<sup>th</sup>. We have the use of the entire basement area, along with part of a storage closet for our supplies.
- Students began coming to TII on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. The transition so far has gone well for the school districts and our staff.

### ***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

- MUI: In the month of December, there were 111 UIR's reviewed, 0 UIR Consultations, 0 not served, and 12 MUI's filed. A 2023 overview concludes there were 1,335 UIR's reviewed, 37 UIR Consultations, 0 not served and 147 MUI's filed
- Providers on PAWs in Dec 2023: Independent – 141; Agency (of all types of service) - 65
- See included 2023 MUI Comparison Report

### ***Program Information:***

- **Benefits and Compliance Coordinator** sent an email to individuals/families concerning the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) through Social Security. SS sends this letter at the end of every year with an explanation of how an individual's benefits will be changed due to the living adjustment. In addition, I provided guidance for families. This letter is a written notification that includes the responsibilities of the rep payee (I also provided a link to the SS site for further information and clarification). I also provided guidance of the importance of the individual as a rep payee (if applicable) to be aware of what kind of SS the individual is receiving, and how SS came to the determination of what they will receive monthly. It is a rep payee and or individuals' responsibility to understand and follow all reporting standards. There have been numerous appeals due to overpayments where the rep payee did not report monthly income.

### ***Special Events/Activities:***

Following All Hands In events held in December:

**December 6<sup>th</sup>: Dungeons and Dragons:** Crew is almost completely independent. They communicate through text and the group is over 18. Usually at least 6 show up to play.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>: Santa's Silent Disco:** Three adult day programs joined us at the Santa Silent Disco for a total of about 30 people.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Movie Night:** Record breaking attendance! Over 60 people attended the Grinch.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>: Diner's Club:** Met at the Fairfield Mall. Small turnout probably due to the Christmas Season. Maybe 20 people showed up.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:** Nerf Night: Last event held at 4-Oaks. Approximately 20 kids plus parents attended.

Recreation events:

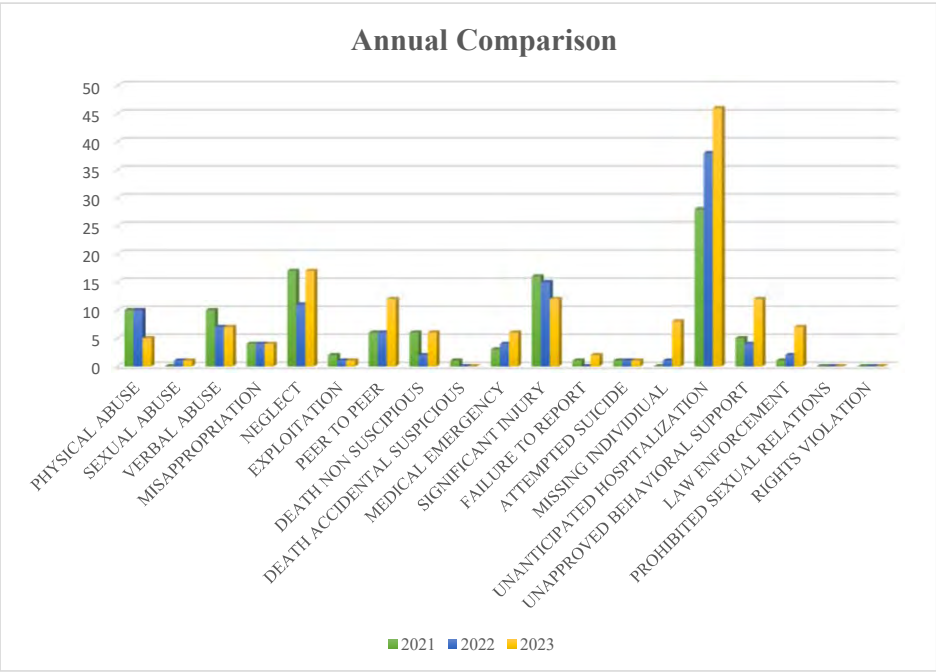
- GCBDD Holiday Dance was held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Beavercreek Golf Club from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. We had around 175-180 people in attendance. We served City BBQ for dinner. We had an awesome new DJ and we had a photo booth. Everyone had a wonderful time! At the end of the night, Welhener brought the extra food to the St. Vincent DePaul homeless shelter in downtown Dayton.
- We have scheduled another art series with Kristin at Purple Paintbrush for Mondays April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Spring Fling Dance will be at Holiday Inn on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Xenia YMCA is interested in partnering with us for activities and would specifically like to host a prom for our folks sometime in May. We are still sorting out details.

### ***Parent/Provider/Staff Feedback:***

**A large provider in Greene County reported that the DSP wage increase has definitely helped their organization with staff stability; less call off's and less vacancies.**

# January 2024 (2023 Overview Report)

CATEGORY	2021	2022	2023
PHYSICAL ABUSE	10	10	5
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	1	1
VERBAL ABUSE	10	7	7
MISAPPROPRIATION	4	4	4
NEGLECT	17	11	17
EXPLOITATION	2	1	1
PEER TO PEER	6	6	12
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	6	2	6
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	1	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	3	4	6
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	16	15	12
FAILURE TO REPORT	1	0	2
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	1	1	1
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	1	8
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	28	38	46
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	5	4	12
LAW ENFORCEMENT	1	2	7
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0
TOTAL	111	107	147



One individual can have multiple categories in one MUI case.

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
PHYSICAL ABUSE	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VERBAL ABUSE	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	7
MISAPPROPRIATION	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
NEGLECT	1	0	3	2	1	0	2	5	2	0	1	0	17
EXPLOITATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PEER TO PEER	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	1	1	12
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	6
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	12
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	6	1	2	3	5	2	2	9	4	5	3	4	46
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	12
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	5	14	14	13	12	10	22	13	12	9	13	147

# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January 17th, 2024 Board Report:**

**Division: Early Intervention**

**Director Reporting: Jennifer Frey**

### ***Updates:***

As I had mentioned on my last report, there has been an uptick in recent months in Autism referrals, children showing signs of Autism, behavioral concerns, transfers from other counties, and highly involved infants and toddlers. Due to those increased referrals, we had reached out to the Greene County Educational Service Center to aide in evaluations and support families with developmental concerns in the areas of behavior and social emotional needs. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was put in place between Public Health, GCBDD, and Greene County ESC in order to collaborate and expand our early intervention multidisciplinary team. They have started supporting us with these evaluations throughout November and December. It has been a great start to our new partnership. In addition to the ESC, an Educational Consultant with the Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services can now also help serve as a second discipline for our vision referrals.

### ***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

**Our Active IFSP number for November was 277 and in December it was 274.** (January- 240, February- 244, March- 274, April- 278, May-272, June- 276, July- 272, and August-267, September- 285).

**In November, our teams completed 29 evaluations. In December, 20 evaluations were completed.** Even though we experienced a small dip in evaluations for the month of December, we expect them to go back up. With the holidays, families often are not available until the new year for evaluations, and there has been a lot of illness unfortunately.

**Greene County EI received 22 referrals in November and 23 in December.** As in previous months, the highest referral sources were parents, then physicians, followed by other various sources such as hospital child find specialists, Children Services, etc.

**Our Early Intervention teams served a total of 530 infants and toddlers in 2023.**  
In 2022, we served 489.

### ***Program Information:***

**With the increase in Autism referrals and behavioral concerns, we are working on connecting with OACB about a training called "Impact of COVID-19 Trauma/Toxic Stress on Early Brain Development" being offered.** A short session was provided at the OACB Conference at the end of November, and we feel our staff will benefit from it greatly.

### ***Special Events/Activities:***

Our **Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team** have evaluations set up in the months of **February, March, and April**. 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 –November and December 2023 – Four Oaks received 7 responses.**

**Please see below parent comments from 11/1/23 – 12/31/23**

**If you are leaving the program prior to your child's 3rd birthday, what is the reason?**

- Preschool starting :)
- We moved into a different county.
- N/A transitioned to preschool at 3

**What I appreciated most about Four Oaks was.....**

- The in home visits! So very helpful
- The fact that it was a virtual appointment. It's so much more convenient to meet in this fashion. There is less hassle for me as the parent to have my child ready and out the door. Going to an additional stop before daycare and work. Even if they came to my home I feel like it would be just as stressful. Additionally by having virtual meetings it encouraged me to reach out more. The staff was always available via text. It's a very easy gateway to encourage further communication.
- The time and attention I received from the developmental specialist, Kaitlyn Gillum. She gave us so many tips for activities and exercises to do with my son to help him meet his milestones.
- Pam PT was very kind and provided helpful tips
- I appreciated that although my child was transitioning into preschool quickly after starting services the time was well spent and great efforts were made to help my child. Her transition to preschool was easy and we had a great experience with the agency even though it was only a few months.
- They offered me ideas to help my son's development

**If Four Oaks could improve one thing, I recommend:**

- Nothing!!! We had an amazing experience!!
- I have no recommendations. I am completely satisfied.
- My time with the agency was less than 6 months. I was very satisfied with the services my child received and do not have any improvements

**Other comments**

- Our specialist, Angela Y, was just wonderful. I can't say enough about how helpful she was. Continuously coming up with new strategies to try. She would reach out even if we had nothing scheduled to share new information with us for things we could try. She checked in with us frequently. Angela truly went above and beyond and our child was always happy to interact with her. She is a true joy and it is apparent just how much she loves this job. Our family greatly appreciates her.
- I am so grateful for this program and for Kaitlyn!

# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January 17, 2024 Board Report:**

**Division:** SSA

**Division Director Reporting:** Denise Summerville

### **Updates:**

**GOOD NEWS:** Individual (Last Board Report service highlight story) who had to be out of one placement by Christmas, 2023, was able to move to his new home BEFORE Christmas! He was even placed 2 weeks prior to Christmas to get settled in and is doing well. This is the end result of two years of efforts to find appropriate placement/provider in the midst of the DSP crisis.

### **Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:**

#### **Productivity:**

- November: 52.5%
- December: 54.5%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter average: 53.5%

#### **Eligibility Referral and Linkage Contacts:**

- November 58
- December 31

### **Program Information:**

December 8, 2023: SSA In Person Training

- January rule changes effective January 1, 2024
  - Parents of Minors as Caregivers/Extraordinary Care Instrument
  - HCBS waiver services in Acute Care Settings- new process and forms to request the override from DODD
  - Shared living services and Residential Respite
- Self-Directed Transportation: determining appropriateness of this service, identifying independent travelers, and monitoring of this service

**Respite House utilization:** This program provides weekend respite from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon at our respite house in Xenia. Current service provider is Right at Home. Fifty-six (56) respite stays occurred during 2023. Analysis of usage indicates that those stays involved seventeen (17) individuals who stayed anywhere from one to ten times. Goal for 2024 is to expand the number of individuals using this respite resource.

**Equal People Sunday afternoon respite:** Pilot program launched in October 2023 and focuses on one of our underserved populations, individuals with intensive behavioral support needs. Respite occurs twice monthly; staffing and activities are tailored to meet the needs of the



individuals that attend. Four individuals used this service in November and December. SSAs are working with families/individuals to fill the January and February respite slots.

**New "News":**

**Self- Directed Transportation update:** Beginning January 1, 2024, we have a local funded option for self-directed transportation. Individuals 18 and up, who are not on waivers, can access local funds of \$200 per month for community- based transportation. Individuals must have an assessed need for transportation in the community, be independent travelers, be candidates for self-directed services, and also be able to use Uber/Lyft.

Our Southwestern Ohio Council of Government (SWOCOG) provided the following information regarding Respite for Resilience, which provided respite services for children with intensive behavior needs:

**Announcement of Service Change**

Club Phoenix, the Respite Home opened in partnership with Envision, will cease to operate on January 1, 2024. We want to thank Envision for their partnership in pioneering the Respite for Resilience program model with SWOCOG and five of our local County Boards of Developmental Disabilities: Butler, Clermont, Greene, Hamilton, and Warren. We also thank all of the many entities who worked together to help support the success of the 24 youth and their families served in the last 2 years.

This is not the end of Respite for Resilience! We are excited to take all that we have learned and build new relationships with future partners rooted in trauma-responsive care. We will be releasing Requests for Proposals in January 2024, where providers can learn more about the parameters and expectations for utilizing this program model. We will review submitted proposals, select providers, onboard and train, and launch sometime in 2024. It will be a busy year— stay posted for details as they unfold!

In the meantime, please know that our Multisystem Coordination program includes access to other specialized services, including Family Resilience Workers, Therapists, and Trainers. Our goal is to continue supporting families with these services while we wait for our new respite homes to open.

# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January 17, 2024 Board Report:**

**Division:** Finance and Administration

**Director Reporting:** Tom Schaeffer

### ***Updates:***

Approval of ARPA Grant through DODD/CMS  
(See Attachment)

### ***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

#### **Federal Revenue**

MAC	\$801,260
TCM	\$618,366
TITLE XX	\$61,420
COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	\$541,605
	<u>\$2,022,652</u>

### ***Financials:***

Beginning Cash Balance 1-01-2023	\$26,094,873
YTD Revenue	\$17,011,837
YTD Expense	(\$17,162,468)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$25,944,242</b>
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
	<b>\$31,778,872</b>

**Detailed Report Attached**

## Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1108	1198
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	26	20
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	247	274
Play Project Enrolled	11	6
Board Eligibility	7	7
Service and Support	543	552
Recreation Events	2	7
School Age Individuals	N/A	48
Behavioral Support	51	30
Restrictive Measures	1	3
Unusual & Major incident investigation	101	123
Providers-Independent	135	141
Provider-Agencies	56	65
Waiver Recipients	389	394
Medicaid Waiver Services	190	259
Family Support Services Enrolled	195	181
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	72	79

## **Enrollment and Service Data Definitions**

<b>Program Areas</b>	
1-Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	
	The amount of individuals enrolled in County Board services as of the end of last month
2-Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	
	Number of Evaluations/Assessments completed to determine eligibility for E.I.
3-0-3 Early Childhood Enrollment	
	Number of infants and toddlers currently on active Individualized Family Service Plan
4-Play Project Enrolled	
	Services provided to 18 month-5 years old who meet program eligibility
5-Board Eligibility	
	The number of individuals who completed the Board's eligibility determination process
6-Service and Support	
	The number of individuals receiving Service and Support services as of the end of last month
7-Recreation Events	
	The amount of recreation opportunities offered last month
8-School Age Individuals	
	The number of individuals who received County Board Supports last month
9-Behavioral Support	
	The amount of individuals receiving Behavior Supports last month
10-Restrictive Measures	
	The amount of individuals that have a formal restrictive measure for behavioral issues
11-Unusual & Major incident investigation	
	The number of unusual and major unusual investigations that occurred last month
12-Providers-Independent	
	The number of Independent providers actively providing services last month
13-Provider-Agencies	
	The number of agency providers actively providing services last month
14-Waiver Recipients	
	Number of Individuals receiving funding for residential and/or day services last month
15-Medicaid Waiver Services	
	The number of authorizations of waiver services last month
16-Family Support Services	
	The amount of vouchers processed for Family Support Services last month
17-Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	
	Number of Individual living within a Homecroft Home last month

# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January Board Report:**

**Division:** Community Relations

**Director Reporting:** Delana Zapata

### ***Updates:***

Met with Allyson Boot regarding upcoming Board Vacancy (2025), and after further info, found out Dylan Boot is interested in position. Both were encouraged to submit application.

Took & Updated several employee photos.

### ***Noteworthy Monthly Data/Numbers:***

Facebook Page Reach:

Post Reach: (Dec) 2685, (Jan) 1520

Post Engagement: (Dec) 936, (Jan) 332

New Followers: (Dec) 10, (Jan) 6

### ***Program Information:***

Created a flyer to distribute at events (ie All Hands In) see attached. Currently working on a possible one for Eligibility Dept.

### ***Special Events/Activities:***

Supported ARPA Funds Grant submission efforts: Reached out to several other counties to request Smart home/Remote services information and cost; Changes Spaces Founder to get commercial table installation recommendations/cost

### ***New "News":***

#### **Special events promoted:**

Santa for Special Needs

GCBDD – Healthy Relationships training

GCBDD's Holiday Banquet & Dance

Allison Boots, Book signing

Night to Shine

AHI Karaoke Night

Special Connection Ministry's Musical

ASL's World Disability Day (in sign language)

AHI Nerf Nights & video of 1<sup>st</sup> event

Toward Independence, Thanksgiving events and pictures  
[SpectrumNews1's story: Kristin Bailey, class at the Coffee Hub in Xenia](#)  
AHI Dungeons and Dragons  
AHI Santas Silent Disco event at Mall  
AHI Walk & Roll (Oct. & Nov)  
The Parent Support and Advisory Council's meeting (Oct.)  
SALT Talks Series newsletter  
Salt Talk Session – Cyber Safety  
Salt Talk Session – Building Life Skills  
Good Works Farm – Punkin' Chunkin' Palooza  
AHI Diner's Club (Nov, Dec, Jan) and pictures of event.  
AHI Movie Night (Nov, Dec, Jan)  
[All Hands In Network - GCBDD](#) December & January newsletter  
Parent Support and Advisory Council's meeting  
GCBDD Holiday closures

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF  
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# **Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **January 17, 2024 Board Report:**

### **Superintendent's Report:**

#### **Updates:**

Updates on Four Oaks Building.

#### **Special Events/Activities:**

The OACB Spring Conference is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the downtown Hilton in Columbus. If any Board member is interested in attending let me know and we will make sure you are registered. If you plan to stay overnight we need to know as soon as possible to ensure those arrangements.

#### **New "News":**

All, Paul and I met in late December to review my performance review and discuss my current contract and future plans.

I had a long conversation with the Directors at our last December meeting and I have their support in remaining through 2025. We also included a discussion on succession planning both for the position of Superintendent and for each of their respective positions in the coming years.



**2024 Greene County Board of Developmental  
Disabilities Board Meeting Schedule**

- January 17<sup>th</sup>
- February 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 20<sup>th</sup>
- April 17<sup>th</sup>
- May 15<sup>th</sup>
- June 26<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday due to Juneteenth) \*
- July- No Meeting
- August 21<sup>st</sup>
- September 18<sup>th</sup>
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting/Inservice\*
- November 20<sup>th</sup>

***\*Meetings will be held at the GCBDD  
Administrative Office @ 245 N. Valley Road\****

**\*Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of  
the month at noon (unless holiday or noted  
otherwise)\***

***The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for  
February 17th, at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.***

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