



## Board Meeting Highlights March 19, 2025

### Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from Feb. 19th, 2025
- One resolution was approved by the board to extent John LaRock's, Superintendent contract, until July, 2026. - *corrected 3/2025*

### Topics of discussion

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 19<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Board Report:

**Division: Finance and Administration**

**Director Reporting: Tom Schaeffer**

### **Updates:**

Yellow Springs Home Inc.  
T.I Remote Monitoring Center  
Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI)

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

#### **Federal Revenue**

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TCM	\$275,976
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COST REPORT SETTLEMENT	
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	\$275,976

### **Financials:**

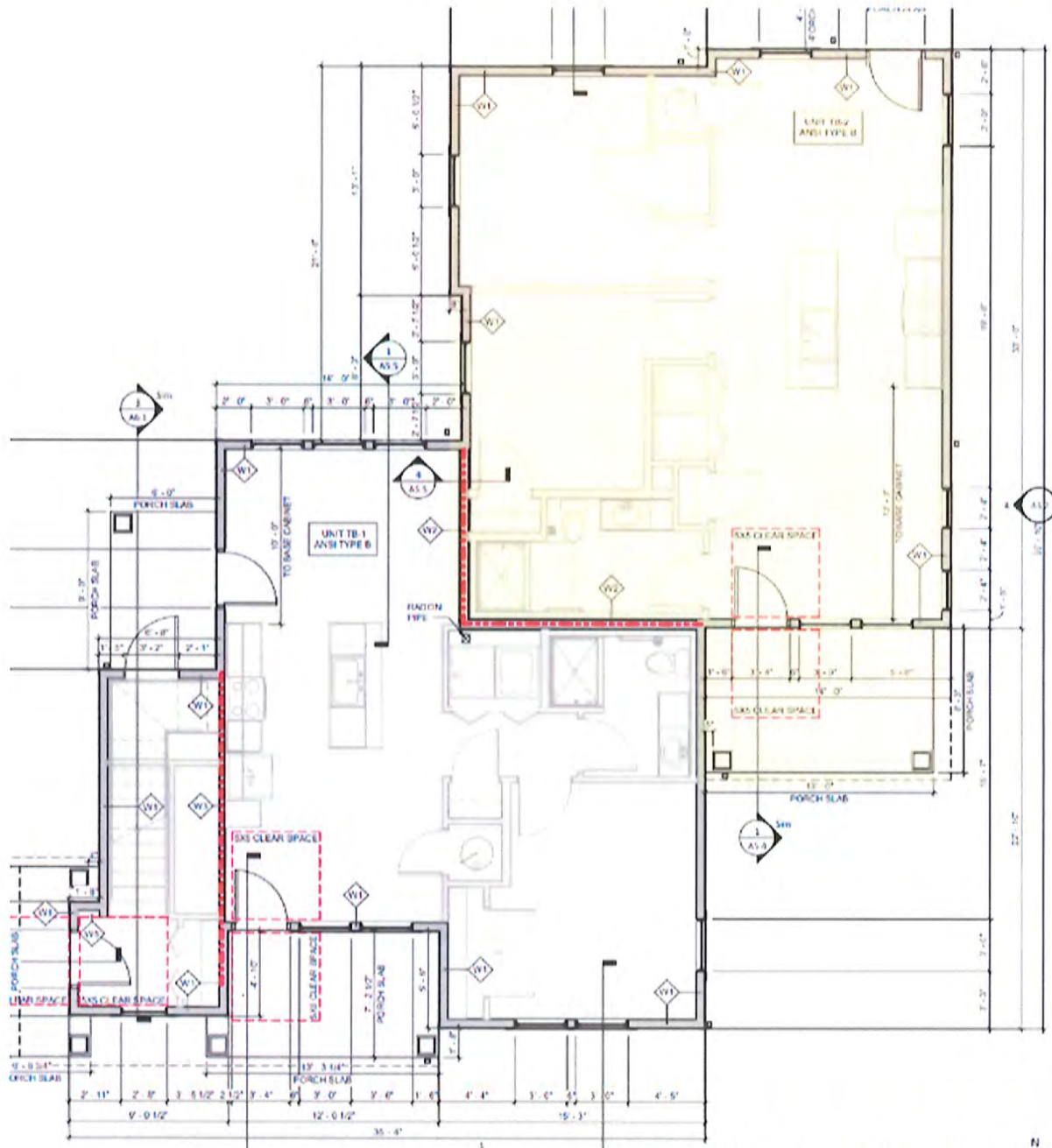
Beginning Cash Balance 1-01-2025	\$25,619,436
YTD Revenue	\$360,674
YTD Expense	(\$2,868,371)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$23,111,739</b>
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$5,462,166
Medicaid Reserve Fund	\$372,463
	<b>\$28,946,368</b>

**Detailed Report Attached**

# The Cascades

- Rent: \$780/month (1 month rent deposit, payment plan accepted)
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, ~915 square feet
- Includes: water, sewer, trash
- Tenants pay: electric, gas, internet
- Fully accessible unit
- Laundry included
- GMHA Vouchers accepted
- Pet-friendly (separate pet policy)
- Sprinkler fire suppression





TRIPLEX B - FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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## Enrollment and Service Data

Program Areas	Enrolled On	Enrolled On
	1/31/2025	2/28/2025
Unduplicated Count Receiving Services	1241	1234
Early Childhood Eligibility Birth 0-3	29	227
0-3 early Childhood Enrollment	236	16
Play Project Enrolled	8	8
Board Eligibility	13	11
Service and Support	569	582
Recreation Events	120	181
Behavioral Support	30	28
Restrictive Measures	5	6
School Age Individuals	124	130
Unusual Incidents	116	124
Major Unusual Incidents	15	15
Providers-Independent	146	147
Provider-Agencies	73	72
Waiver Recipients	395	396
Medicaid Waiver Services	312	397
Family Support Services Enrolled	176	140
Individuals Residing in Homecroft Homes	77	78

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 19<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Board Report:

**Division:** Community Services

**Director Reporting:** Jeanne Turner

### **Updates:**

Transition staff are currently working on gathering provider information/availability for transition age youth programming over the summer, so that individuals and families can start preparing for summer

Project Life and Project SEARCH held interviews for the next school year 25-26. Both programs had a good number of applicants to choose from. Many of the transition age students interviewing for both programs are already connected with Greene County Board services. Results of interviews will be announced by the end of March.

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

- **MUI:**
  - In the Month of February, there were 124 UIR's reviewed, 4 UIR Consultations, 0 not served, and 15 MUI's filed.
- See the attached board report for the MUI breakdown.

### **Care Choice Service Requests Summary**

- As of the date of this report (3/6/25), there are 2 service requests currently posted:
  - 1 Homemaker Personal Care (HPC); IO; 3-12 hours per week
  - 1 Private Duty Nursing (PDN); continuous care 8+ hours per week

### **Program Information:**

#### **Provider Supports Role Highlights**

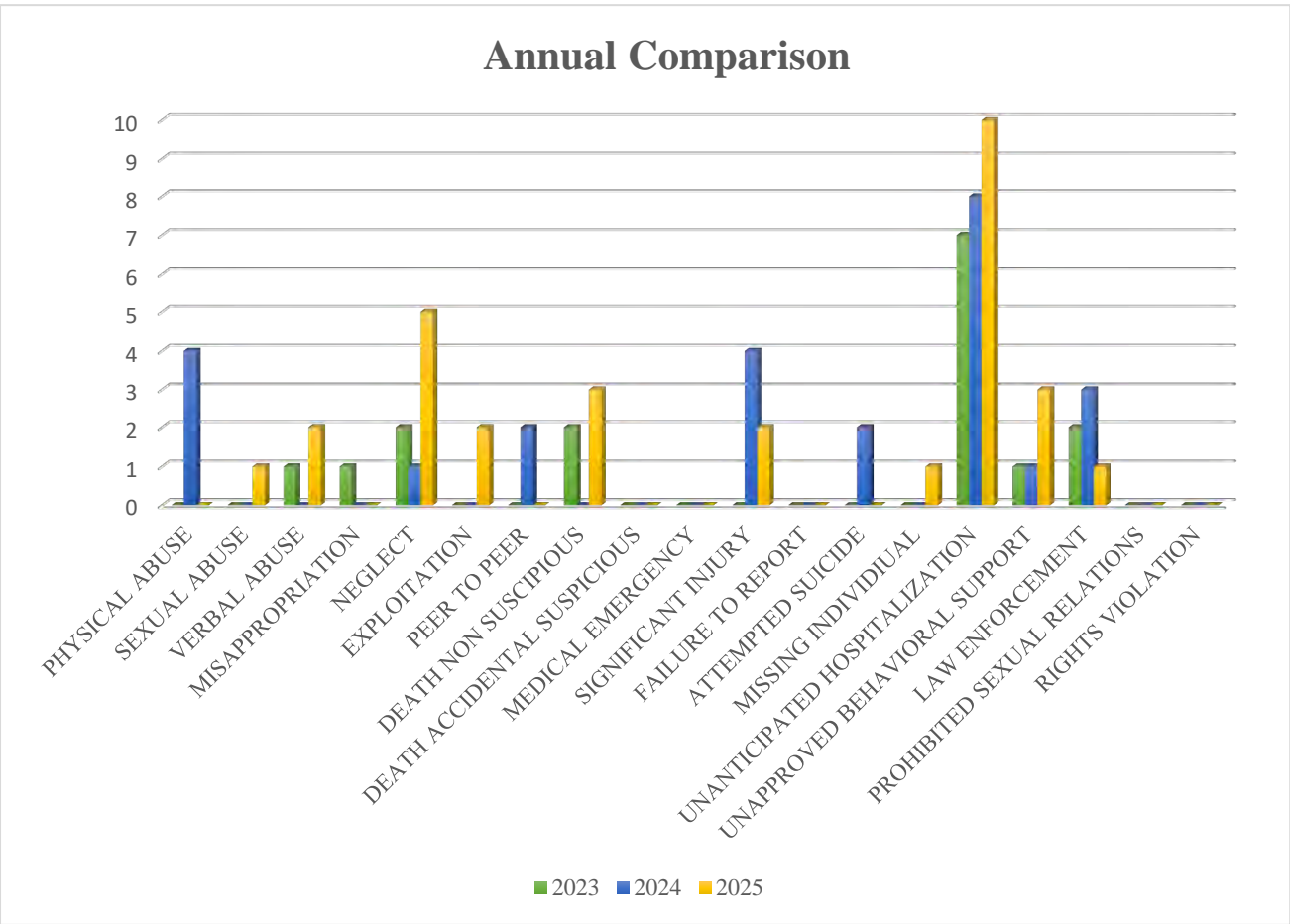
In February we have had 4 new agencies wanting to serve folks here in Greene: Advocate Healthcare Services, Encore Care Associates, Healing Touch, Enohadel Home Health, and Medspedite LLC.

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

Cindy Nava, Benefits and Compliance Coordinator, has been asked to be a member the FEAR Factor training team through Ohio Employment First, that will continue to offer a series of trainings that helps people with disabilities learn how to work and keep their disability benefits.

**March 2025 Board Meeting (February data)**

CATEGORY	2023	2024	2025
PHYSICAL ABUSE	0	4	0
SEXUAL ABUSE	0	0	1
VERBAL ABUSE	1	0	2
MISAPPROPRIATION	1	0	0
NEGLECT	2	1	5
EXPLOITATION	0	0	2
PEER TO PEER	0	2	0
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	2	0	3
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	0
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	0	4	2
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	0	2	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	0	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	7	8	10
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	1	1	3
LAW ENFORCEMENT	2	3	1
PROHIBITED SEXUAL RELATIONS	0	0	0
RIGHTS VIOLATION	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>



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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VERBAL ABUSE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MISAPPROPRIATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLECT	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
EXPLOITATION	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PEER TO PEER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEATH NON SUSCIPIOUS	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
DEATH ACCIDENTAL SUSPICIOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIGNIFICANT INJURY	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FAILURE TO REPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSING INDIVIDUAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNANTICIPATED HOSPITALIZATION	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
UNAPPROVED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 19<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Board Report:

**Division:** SSA

**Director Reporting:** Denise Summerville

### **Updates: Service Coordination**

#### **Developmental Center Updates:**

Ohio's developmental centers provide temporary housing and support services for people with developmental disabilities. The goal is to help people develop skills so they can live in the community. Some of the services that they provide are:

- **Residential placement:** Provides short-term housing in a licensed and certified facility
- **Medical services:** Offers comprehensive medical care
- **Behavioral services:** Helps people develop resilience and heal from past trauma
- **Skills training:** Teaches daily living skills and other skills needed to live in the community
- **Community integration:** Helps people access community resources and opportunities for employment

We are pleased to report that we have had one individual successfully discharged from a Developmental Center placement in February. This individual was in crisis and needed some intense medical/behavioral intervention that was not able to be resolved in the community. The individual received appropriate treatment enabling a return home with their family. When we make a referral for medical/behavioral stabilization, we do not have to pay the full per diem for the stay if we can get them back into the community/home within 180 days. With this individual, Kelly Wead, SSA, worked with the DC to assure this individual received the treatment needed while also coordinating their discharge so that GCBDD only paid the reduced rate for the stay.

Another of our DC placements involves an individual who was in crisis due to serious legal issues. This individual lost their residence due to assaultive behavior and needed short term housing along with medical and behavioral stabilization. We received this referral through the Greene County Court system; this individual was court ordered to a Developmental Center through Greene County Probate Court. Rachel Wuellner, SSA worked to get an ICF without success due to the circumstances involving the individual. After a year and a half of placement at the DC, and with much medical and behavioral treatment, this individual will be moving to an ICF within the next couple of months.

We still have three individuals who have very significant challenges in Developmental Centers. While in the DCs, the SSAs and an SSA Assistant make referrals to every ICF opening in the state of Ohio to find a willing and able provider in a setting that would be beneficial for these individuals. The searches are on going and there is a significant struggle to find willing providers to take on the challenges of these individuals. The SSAs also attend meetings and check in with families to see how things are going throughout the stay at the DCs.

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

**FEBRUARY PRODUCTIVITY:** 53.5%

Eligibility Referral and Linkage contacts: 51

Ohio Assessments for Immediate and Current Needs: 6

811 Housing referrals/coordination: 6

SSA Referrals and county transfers: 23 (11 for January and 12 for February)

### **Program Information:**

The board's accreditation review is scheduled for July 16 and 17, 2025. The SSA division continues to train throughout the month on accreditation requirements. There are accreditation "mini" trainings at the SSA weekly meetings. We also did small group training on the accreditation tool on February 27, 2025



***Special Events/Activities:*** Community outreach through our Employment Navigation team along with one of our Eligibility Coordinators. We met with Greene County Career center staff on February 18, 2025 to review board services, eligibility requirements and provide some case consultation.

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March 19<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Board Report:

**Division:** *Early Intervention*

**Director Reporting:** *Jennifer Frey*

### **Updates:**

**Our Early Intervention State Consultant, Whitney McHue, joined us for a meeting at Public Health the first week of March.** We touched base about outcomes we created at the beginning of the year and discussed best practices. These meetings allow us to bring specific questions and work through difficult situations so that we can support our staff and families in the best way possible. Whitney will be providing a training for our staff along with the Public Health Service Coordinators in June.

### **Department of Children and Youth update about the Developmental Specialist Certification:**

Beginning on March 1, 2025, DODD Provider Certification will no longer process and issue DS certifications. This responsibility and process will transition to DCY through a contract with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) utilizing the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR). OCCRRA currently processes and issues Early Intervention Service Coordinator (EISC) and EISC Supervisor credentials via the OPR. DODD will still be approving the Early Intervention training credits.

We are working to help our Developmental Specialists learn this new process and make the transition over to the new system. Many of them already have accounts with OCCRRA.

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

**Our Active IFSP number for February 2025 was 227, and our teams completed 16 evaluations.** With the high influx of referrals at the end of February and the beginning of this month, we are already scheduled for 38 evaluations and possibly more in March.

**Greene County EI received 36 new referrals in February while we were continuing to complete the evaluation and assessment process from the 28 referrals that came in January.** The highest referral sources were parents, then physicians, followed by other various sources such as hospital child find specialists, Children Services, etc.

### **Program Information:**

**Our Autism Diagnostic Education Program (ADEP) Team has evaluations scheduled for April, May, and June.** 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.

**P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters Project)** – parent implemented, intensive early intervention program for young children with autism that is evidence-based.

Our P.L.A.Y. Team includes Jennifer Montague (PLAY Coordinator, DS, and PLAY Consultant), Beth Brennaman (DS and PLAY Consultant), and Tina Snyder (OT and PLAY Consultant).

\*\*\*The team is continuing to serve 8 families whose children in the program are all between the ages of 3 – 5.

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

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Month in April-**

Luanne Skinner and Delana Zapata coordinated with Greene County Children’s services for GCBDD to participate and to provide our support again this year for Child Abuse Prevention month. We will be receiving a sign and pinwheels to display during the month of April, like we have done in previous years. Also, April 9th is Ohio Wears Blue day this year.

**Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities are continuing to partner with Greene County Parks & Trails for monthly events in 2025.** Early Intervention’s events called “Toad-ally Together” are scheduled for June 27th and August 8th this year. These events are meant to bring kids and families of all abilities *together*. We are already looking forward to another year of partnering with GCPT and providing these fun and inclusive activities.

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

#### **ECP Exit Surveys –February 2025 – Four Oaks received 4 responses.**

**Please see below parent comments from 2/1/25 – 2/28/25. All other questions were answered with a “strongly agree” or respondent skipped question because it didn’t apply.**

#### **Q11**

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

- Respondent skipped this question
- Meeting our goals for now!
- None
- We are ready to enter preschool, but we cannot thank Julie, Bridget and Gina enough! These three women literally changed our life and helped my daughter learn all new skills!

#### **Q12**

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

- We really loved Ms. Robin and the constant communication that was displayed by four oaks.
- Helping us learn skills to help my son walk. It was very helpful that Four Oaks came to our home where he felt most comfortable.
- They really care about the kids and helping the parents!
- I appreciate the time and the care that they took every time that they came over. Julie, Bridget and Gina are family now and have made us feel amazing bringing our daughter to the next level, she has come so far with their help!!

#### **Q13**

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

- We were very pleased with our experience and don't feel anything specifically needs to change.
- Not sure I have anything, we loved our experience!
- None
- Nothing! Absolutely amazing!

**Q14****Other comments**

- Early intervention is extremely important. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to bridge the gap as early as we did! Ms. Robin was a joy and a really fun and interactive teacher. She was an excitement every month!
- Respondent skipped this question
- None
- We just want to express our gratitude for all the help. And all the visits we couldn't have done it without you.

# Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## March Board Report:

**Division:** Community Relations

**Director Reporting:** Delana Zapata

### **Updates:**

Toured the newest Yellow Springs **Home Inc.** project, Cascades.

Visit project details here: <https://www.yshome.org/current-projects.html>

Toured **Toward Independence's** new Remote Support Services program.

"This service is designed to provide innovative, real-time support to individuals with developmental disabilities—giving them greater independence, safety, and opportunities while staying connected to a caring, professional team." See more info here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HmTUTGLQ3/>

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

Facebook Page Reach:

Views: 8,533

Post Reach: 1,610

Content Interaction: 144

New Followers: 13

### **Program Information:**

#### **NEW Advocacy and Resource Coordination (Josh Carson)**

- Continue to develop this role and have created a request form for Coordination services that was sent out to the various departments in the County Board. Met with the various departments to collaborate on how this will benefit each department.

*"The GCBDD Staff will have the opportunity to submit a request form in which I would work to partner with the staff members / families or Individuals involved and provide resource information and advocacy support for those situational needs that come up. (some examples could be: Helping a family / individual with completing paperwork, connecting them with resources for food assistance, housing, clothing, etc....) In part we will also be working on and exploring options for the various needs that come up in the community with families and individuals".*

- Since meeting with departments, have received 3 requests for resources and support coordination.
- Continue to build a Network of Community Resources to aid families / individuals who need additional resources / support. Working to connect with various organizations to learn more about what they provide.
- Will be attending a Greene County Linkage Meeting in March where & will have an opportunity to learn about what resources and programs are out there to help families and individuals to who are in need (Clothing, Food, Rental or Utility Assistance, etc....).
- We will also be looking at the GCBDD Website to see about putting some additional resource information in there as well.
- Ongoing exploration / looking into the concern with Day Care needs for families of children / early teens with disabilities (after school). This is still in the works and Josh W has been working on how to aid / assist Daycares in Greene who would be open to this.
- Will be touring a location called "New Life Furniture" in the Cincinnati Area. This organization provides furniture to families and individuals in need due to poverty or other severe life challenges.

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

#### **Community Outreach**

**2/4 The Artist Collective:** The Artist Collective met for the first time and was a success though the attendance was low. Only 4 people showed up, but we think this is mostly because people weren't sure what it was about. The expectation is that this will become popular as people learn that it is about art appreciation and learning about local artists.

**2/5 & 2/19 D&D:** Dungeons and Dragons continue to be successful. Average attendance is around 8 and a new community member, Kody Sanders, has volunteered to Dungeon Master once a month. This had added stability to the group and has brought about the decision to release the D&D group to their own planning. We can check this off as an All Hands In success since we are no longer needed for this group's success.

**2/14 Mega Valentine Karaoke Party:** All Hands In hosted the first ever All Hands In Mega Karaoke Party at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. Over 70 people attended, and many brought Valentine Boxes and shared Valentines.

**2/17 Nerd Nation:** The Nerd Nation community continues to grow and strengthen. We have a lot of cross over occurring between D&D, Nerd Nation, YouTubers, etc. Genuine relationships are being created and people are beginning to coordinate what events they attend so they can see their friends. 16 people attended in February.

**2/20 Tubers:** Our folks that are interested in YouTube met for the first time in February. The meeting went well and 13 people met at Panera Bread in Fairborn. The purpose of this group is create a community around the idea of video creation. We already have some talented editors in the group and one of the goals is to help those that want to learn increase their skills.

**2/25 Diner's Club:** For the first time, All Hands In hosted Diner's Club at the Wandering Griffin in Beavercreek. It is difficult to know how many attended but the number was definitely over 70. There were no tables left, and we are growing beyond the capacity of most restaurants.

#### **Upcoming Events and Other Updates**

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race is scheduled for Saturday June 7th. We will begin advertising this soon and are hoping for a humongous turn out this year.
2. Our attendance from MCBDD families is growing. 30% of the participants that have completed our new mailing list form are not eligible with GCBDD. We see this as a positive sign that we are offering events that have wide cross county appeal.

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

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

AHI Coffee Talk  
Project Stir  
Greene County Special Olympics  
AHI Artist Collective  
Early Intervention Newsletter  
DD Awareness Month  
Capabilities Pediatric Equipment Swap  
SALT March Save the Dates  
AHI Newsletter (Mar)  
AHI Diners Club

Summer Youth Transition Program

All Hands In Contact List

Healthy Relationships and All Hands In Speed Friending Class and Event

AHI New "Tubers"

AHI Nerd Nation

Board Meeting public notice



## Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

### March 19<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Board Report:

#### **Administration:**

#### **Superintendent LaRock Reporting:**

**Updates:** I promised Paul an update on the Superintendent search process, and what my thoughts were regarding my retirement. I corresponded with John Trunk who currently manages this process for the OACBDD. His responses to my questions follow my discussion of my contract and preferred departure date.

My current contract ends December 31, 2025. My Superintendent credential expires August 7, 2026. I would like to ask the Board to extend my contract until July 31, 2026. This is a personal request as it will allow me to achieve 40 years as the Boards Superintendent. Secondarily, winter is not a good time to retire if you are not heading to warmer climates, which Jill and I are not. Also, depending on the Boards hiring decision it allows a summer transition if an individual needs to relocate family.

#### ***John Trunks Response to my questions:***

The typical search from posting to starting date takes how many months?

*My experience has been that the process can be done in three months, but it has usually taken about four to five months.*

Do many of the Boards require the incoming Superintendent to spend time with the existing Superintendent?

*Of the 25 counties I have assisted during the past couple of years, most have wanted some "overlap" to help with a smooth transition. If the new Superintendent is an internal candidate that might be stretched over a couple of months. If it is an external candidate the transition has been shorter. In this case, both the incoming and the exiting Superintendent have preferred to move into their respective new endeavors as quickly as possible and with the least amount of awkwardness.*

Is there any data regarding internal versus external hiring?

*About half the counties I have helped approximately (14) have selected an internal candidate. That said, all but one of those decided to post the position to assure that no other candidate was out there, and to show those outsiders observing the process that the Board did its due diligence. In the end, its totally the Boards call, there is nothing that requires a full search.*

Is the search committee limited to Board members?

*To my knowledge, there is nothing that requires the search committee be made up of only Board members. In most cases, the search committee is made up of Board members and or the HR committee of the Board. Most counties I have worked with have asked that I conduct a staff survey to gather information and that has been a way to help the staff feel a part of the process. I always ask about others being involved (e.g., staff senior managers, parents, providers, etc). However, as you know the Board has the legal responsibility to hire the Superintendent and that person must be someone, they have full confidence in, and most Boards have decided it is their sole responsibility.*

*Once you know a few more details we can talk about some of the next steps. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your Board in person. I love road trips. John*

***Special Events/Activities:***

**Federal and state budget update:** There have been a lot of activities by the various state organizations such as OACBDD, OPRA and ARC-Ohio at the National and state levels. A quick review of OACBDD activities reflect a trip to Washington D.C. by the CEO, Board President and Vice President and Superintendent Leia Snyder of Hamilton County to advocate with key legislators on Capital Hill for Medicaid funded services.

OACBDD along with the Vice President of the Franklin County DD Board and Dan Ottke, Superintendent of the Clermont County DD Board testified before the House Health Committee on the two-year state budget.

There is a lot of continuous activity at the National and State level, and this will continue throughout these processes. You can always visit the DODD website at [DODD.ohio.gov](http://DODD.ohio.gov) for their latest updates.

**Legislation update:** There are two bills we are watching in the Ohio Senate and House.

**Senate Bill 35** would establish supported decision making as a less restrictive alternative to guardianship.

**House Bill 28** deals with property tax reform and would eliminate the option for the Commissioners to allow Boards of DD to run Replacement Levies. The basis for the legislation is that Replacement and Renewal are very similar, and taxpayers do not understand that a replacement means an increase in taxes based on higher property values. A renewal simply means stay the course.

A replacement Levy takes an existing levy and brings the value up to current tax value. For example, our current 3.5 mill levy was passed based on the taxable value of property in 2004 and generates about \$3, 900,000 per mill.

A replacement levy based on current valuations would generate approximately \$6,300,000 per mill or a total growth of about \$2,400,000 annually.

The Board has successfully utilized this option 4 times in the past, the last time being in 2004.

*The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for  
April 16th, at noon, at Valley Rd with Virtual option.*

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