

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2014

Commissioners

Jacqui Romer-Sensky, Chair
Jermaine Brown

David V. Daugherty
Michelle Dillingham

Staff: Darin McCoy, Assistant Deputy Director, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Jon Hackathorn, Business Relations Manager, Shirley Marchi, Community Relations Liaison, Brad Reynolds, DDD Manager, Aneesa Locke-Hines, Assistant Deputy Director, Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, Bill Bishilany, Assistant Executive Director, Kevin Holtsberry, Deputy Director, Office of Communications, Anne Lewis, Counselor, Lois Mescher, Counselor, Alison Rizk, Counselor and David Sullivan, Counselor

Guests: Ben Bonanno, former Commissioner, Chris Moranda, President, Ohio Business Leadership Network and Manager, Disability Services at OhioHealth; Pamela McCuiston, Job Coach, Dayton, OH

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Dillingham moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the August 6-7, 2014 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Daugherty. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Awards Recognition

Mr. Ben Bonanno and Commissioners recognized and congratulated Chris Moranda, President of the Ohio Business Leadership Network, and Manager, Disability Services at OhioHealth, as the 2014 Ben Bonanno Disability Advocate Award recipient.

Commissioners recognized and congratulated Pamela McCuiston, Job Coach serving the Dayton area, as the 2014 Denise Joanne Weisenborn Service Award recipient.

Commissioners acknowledged the people who took the time to nominate individuals for these two prestigious awards.

Commissioners noted there were no public dollars spent on the plaques. Commissioners purchased the plaques.

Combined Charitable Campaign

DDD Manager Brad Reynolds reported the Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC) is taking place at OOD. OOD's goal is \$93,750 and 309 payroll pledge deductions. OOD currently has \$93,538 and 379 payroll pledge deductions. There are several activities being planned which will help OOD meet its dollar goal. CCC Pledge Forms were

distributed to the Commissioners. The CCC will officially conclude on November 14, 2014.

Boards and Commissions Attendance – Memo from Governor’s Office

Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Boards and Commissions Attendance memo from the Governor’s Office. Commissioners were reminded that the Ohio General Assembly mandates a minimum attendance requirement for all board and commissions members.

2015 Commissioners’ Meeting Dates

Commissioners identified the following dates for the 2015 Commissioners’ meetings: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. Commissioners Retreat is scheduled for July. Commissioners will identify July Retreat dates at the December meeting. Also, a Commissioners’ meeting may be added to coincide with the Dis^Ability Jobs Summit and or Job Fairs events.

Consumer Advisory Committee Appointments

Commissioner David Daugherty moved to approve the following individuals as members of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC): Brenda Crider and Derrick Martin of Mansfield, Juanita Hill of Akron, and Amy Nelson of Wheelersburg for a three year term beginning October 15, 2014 and ending October 15, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Jermaine Brown. Motion carried.

Program Planning Committee Meeting Report

Meetings are being held to plan the FFY 2015 Strategic Initiatives. The North Star document was developed to stay focused on OOD’s priorities, initiatives and projects. The 2014-2015 Scorecard was discussed. The 2015 Comprehensive VR Statewide Needs Assessment Request for Proposal was posted.

Job fairs were held in Columbus on August 21. Additional job fairs are being held in Cleveland on October 27, in Toledo on October 30 and in Portsmouth on November 12.

Budget and Audit Committee Report

Commissioners reviewed the draft letter to OBM Director Tim Keen and the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget. OOD is only permitted to request 90% of GRF funding for SFY 2015.

The monthly budget reports were reviewed.

Executive Director’s Report

Assistant Executive Director Bill Bishilany highlighted the agency’s successes and is very proud of the staff for all of their hard work in FFY 2014.

Legislative Report

A new Legislative Liaison will be hired in early December or January, 2015.

Business Relations Report

The Ohio Business Leadership Network has increased to 47 Ohio businesses which is an increase from 26 businesses this time last year.

Two counselors have been fully trained and accepted caseloads for the Central Ohio Workplace Initiative (COWI). Sixty-two OOD consumers have been placed in employment. OOD was granted a second year and permission to expand to other parts of the state by the Grantor.

A Business Sourcing Analyst was hired on October 6 for the northeast area of the state.

DDD Report

DDD's processing time dropped 5.8 days on SSDI claims and 5.1 days on SSI claims. DDD's net decisional accuracy is 99.1%. In FFY 2014, the Continuing Disability Review goal was raised by 21%, which DDD achieved. There were 108 Claims Adjudicators hired in FFY 2014. DDD has one of the lowest costs per case rates at \$411 per determination.

The Cooperative Disability Investigation Unit finished second in the nation saving \$51.7 million in SSA and non-SSA funds.

DDD's FFY 2015 goal is 189,127 determinations. The CDR goal is 36,227 which is a 30% increase over the FFY 2014 goal.

VR Report

The VR program ended FFY 2014 with an impressive performance including a 23% increase in successful rehabilitations over last year. Benchmark goals for eligibility decisions and new IPEs were met. The Employment First partnership agreement with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has completed its first year. More than 80 placements have been secured for the individuals served by the program.

The 2015 VR State Plan has been approved by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. Staff has been finalizing data clean up required to align program data with the new federal requirements of the RSA 911 report. This required AWARE changes and data adjustments at all VR open and closed cases

VR continues to analyze WIOA. Provisions of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments were effective immediately upon enactment. Funding reserve of 15% of the VR grant for students with disabilities and 50% of the Supported Employment grant for youth with

disabilities will begin with the FFY 2015 grant and will require immediate modifications to AWARE budget methodology.

BSVI met 111% of the FFY 2014 rehabilitation goal with 475 successful rehabs this year. Due to the number of applications for BSVI services trending down the last three years, BSVI is developing strategies for outreach to consumers.

OOD is evaluating opportunities to improve efficiencies within OOD's operation of the IL and ILOB programs. OOD will no longer accept in-kind match from ILOB contractors and will be moving ILOB case management to internal staff over the next six months.

The Business Enterprise Program will pilot lottery vending machines at two rest areas by Thanksgiving.

Public Comment

None

Other Business

Commissioners were saddened to hear of the loss of former Commissioner Bill Bauer's son who passed away in September, 2014. Commissioners expressed their sympathy for the family's loss.

Adjourn

Commissioner Dillingham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Daugherty. Motion carried.