

County of Summit Board of Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009
5:00 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular monthly meeting** of the County of Summit Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at the Summit MRDD administrative offices located at 89 East Howe Road, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278. The **work session** convened at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William J. Ginter, President
Linda Bordenkircher
Cynthia Walker
Joseph Siegfert
Randy Briggs

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jacqueline S. Cooper, Vice President
Olivia P. Demas, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Thomas L. Armstrong, Superintendent
Bill Payne, Sr. Dir. of Board Svs. & Spts.
Holly Brugh, Dir. of Children's Services
Tom Whitfield, CIO/CFO
Harold Harrison, Director of HR
Jerilyn George, Director of SSA and
Medicaid Services
Tom Jacobs, Dir. of Operations/SHDC
Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary

Billie Jo David, Director of Planning &
Performance Excellence
Tom Overfield, Health & Safety Officer
Joe Eck, Labor Relations Manager
Carrie Roberts, Director of Adult Services
– Community Employment Services
Kevin McGee, Director of PCR and
Specialty Businesses
Nancy Gordon, Transportation Admin.
and others

I. 2010 SUMMIT MRDD BUDGET

The 2010 Summit MRDD budget requires Board approval prior to being presented for review by the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) in September. The 2010 Summit MRDD budget request is in the amount of \$74,525,312 and continues the Board's aggressive pursuit of Medicaid waiver dollars for the purpose of serving more individuals. Leveraging Medicaid funding reduces the amount of local tax dollars required to fund services and increases the amount of services delivered. The 2010 budget reflects an overall expenditure decrease of 14.5% from the 2009 budget. This reduction reflects an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), 5% contingency reductions from 2009 which carried through to 2010 and reduced waiver match expenses. The Board asked how much of the 14.5% reduction was actually less dollars spent. Mr. Armstrong replied that the budget contingency plan reflected approximately \$2.5 million dollars in actual expenditures. There were additional expenditures as well in staff for work enclaves, etc., per the levy plan.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

I. 2010 SUMMIT MRDD BUDGET *(continued)*

The Board suggested that when presenting the 2010 Budget to the SSAB, staff should capture all accounting movement related to FMAP and identify actual cuts per the contingency plan. The 2010 budget request reflects an overall revenue decrease of 8.67% compared to the 2009 budget due to receiving 70% versus 100% reimbursement for Board operated Medicaid services and decreased state subsidies. The carryover balance for 2010 is anticipated to be \$44,260,899. The Summit MRDD is currently serving approximately 3,700 individuals and the number of individuals served in 2010 will increase by 28 in core day programs (Board facility based and Community Employment/Specialty Businesses), 30 in core day programs of external providers, 40 in Children's Services, 50 in residential, 73 in Transportation, 159 new I/O Waivers and 100 new Level 1 Waivers. The residential waiting list, consisting of individuals who need congregate settings with 24 hour care seven days per week, is currently at 91 individuals. Many of the individuals on this list are currently receiving in-home services but are waiting for residential placement. The Board asked if any of the 91 individuals on the residential waiting list are waiting because they don't have an I/O waiver. Mr. Armstrong replied that there are some individuals on the residential waiting list who do not have a waiver. He noted that waivers were on hold until the state budget was finalized and now that the state budget has been completed, the Agency is expecting to receive additional waivers. Mr. Armstrong indicated that a plan to eliminate the residential waiting list will be brought to the board in September. The average budgeted salary increase is 3%. The 2010 Summit MRDD budget request has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

II. CENTER FOR MARKETING AND OPINION RESEARCH (CMOR) CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The Center for Marketing and Opinion Research (CMOR) is the organization that has performed the Agency's Service Satisfaction Survey for the past several years. The request is to increase the contract by \$17,000, from \$19,950 to \$36,950, so that additional persons served and their families can be interviewed to create statistically valid satisfaction data by individual service provider. An additional 300 persons served and an additional 400 parents/guardians would be surveyed. The Board asked if participation would be available at the increased levels. Billie Jo David replied that past surveys indicate that persons served and their families want to be surveyed so they can share their experiences. The consultant will pull from the sample until they get the number of persons served and family members to be surveyed. The Board questioned how diversity in the population being surveyed will be obtained if it is a random sample. Mrs. David replied that demographic information is reviewed and percentages added to the survey sample then results are broken down by demographic area as well. Two additional quotes for the survey were requested. One company declined to provide a quote because it was cost prohibitive and the second company provided a quote in the amount of \$48,656. Staff have had a good working relationship with CMOR and the survey tool continues to be improved each year.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

II. CENTER FOR MARKETING AND OPINION RESEARCH (CMOR) CONTRACT AMENDMENT *(continued)*

Satisfaction results will be shared on the provider portal. Funds are available in the budget and the contract amendment has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee and the July Services & Supports Committee.

III. REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO (2) PASSENGER VANS

The request is to purchase one 12 passenger van and one 15 passenger van in order to have more flexibility and greater efficiencies when transporting persons served in Community Employment and, if needed, children. The new vans would replace aged passenger vans that need to be withdrawn from the fleet. Montrose Ford is a CUE vendor and has provided pricing of \$24,873 for a 12 passenger van and \$26,248 for a 15 passenger van. The Board asked if these vans can accommodate car seats. Mr. Payne replied that these vans will have approved child safety restraint systems. The Board indicated that in today's economy, staff should obtain other bids to compare to the CUE pricing and present that information when this request is brought forward for action. Funds are available in the budget and the request has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

IV. NEW POLICY #4942 – COST TO LIVE SUBSIDY

The new Cost to Live Subsidy (CTL) policy, although not required by statute, is a demonstration of the Board's commitment to assist persons served to reside in community integrated settings that ensures health, safety and welfare and meets the needs of the individual served. It is recognized that without the subsidy many persons served would not be able to afford to live in the community. The CTL subsidy will be based upon demonstrated needs of the individual and provided where resources are available. Total CTL subsidies provided in 2008 were \$1.12 million dollars and supported 392 of the 488 persons served who reside in congregate community settings. This was an average of \$7.86 per day per person receiving CTL in Summit County, which is an average of approximately \$3,000 per person per year. The Board asked how many other county boards provide CTL subsidies. Mr. Armstrong replied that it has been reported that approximately 33 of the 88 Ohio county MRDD Boards provide some type of CTL subsidies. This new policy has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee and the July Services & Supports Committee.

V. REQUEST TO RFP FOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR BUSES

In September 2007 the Summit MRDD conducted a security analysis and vulnerability assessment and the results of that assessment indicated that there is a need for increased security on buses. The Board purchased 20 cameras and had them installed on buses to conduct a pilot program. The cameras provide an unbiased eye for ensuring safe transport. It is believed that cameras have increased safety of persons served and staff.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

V. REQUEST TO RFP FOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR BUSES *(continued)*

The request is to generate a Request For Proposal (RFP) to purchase cameras for the remaining 60 buses. The RFP would specify compatibility with existing equipment. The RFP would also cover installation, training and 15 additional drives. The Board asked what was learned from the pilot program. Mrs. Gordon replied that it was determined that a reader and additional drives are needed and that will be included in the specifications for the RFP. The Board asked how often the camera are checked and the recordings reviewed. Mrs. Gordon noted that when buses come in for routine maintenance the cameras are checked to make sure they continue to be positioned correctly and that the date and time are accurate. The recordings are reviewed on a random basis unless there has been an incident. The Board asked if there has been feedback from staff relative to the installation of cameras on buses. Mrs. Gordon noted that when the pilot program was announced, some staff seemed hesitant at first but now they see how helpful the cameras have been and she believes they are looking forward to the installation of cameras on the remaining buses. Funds are available in the budget and the request to RFP has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

VI. REQUEST TO RFP FOR THE CONVERSION OF YELLOW BUSES

A suggestion from the final CARF report recommended converting or replacing the Summit MRDD's remaining 15 yellow buses with white buses. The request is to generate a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the conversion of 15 yellow buses to white buses. The conversion would include removing all school markings, removing stop signs and crossing systems, removing child seats and replacing them with adult transit seats and painting the buses white with blue trim. This conversion would alleviate adult consumers from riding on yellow buses to their work site and would also standardize the Summit MRDD's fleet of 82 buses. Transportation of children is expected to drop from 33 to approximately 5-7 and the remaining children who are transported would be accommodated by using smaller vans with appropriate safety designations. Funds are available in the budget and the request to RFP for the conversion of yellow buses has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

VII. REQUEST TO RFP FOR PREHEATER SYSTEM FOR BUSES

The request is to generate a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a 40,000 BTU engine preheating system for 56 buses. Approximately 26 buses already have 17,000 BTU preheaters, however, the larger preheater system would utilize the engine's own diesel fuel and batteries to produce heat to keep the bus warm during opening and closing of doors at pick-up and drop off, reduce vehicle emissions, eliminate unnecessary idling, eliminate cold starts and extend engine life, accelerate and maintain window defrosting and defogging, eliminate white smoke at engine start-up, eliminate diesel knock and provide for better fuel consumption which will lower operating costs.

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VII. REQUEST TO RFP FOR PREHEATER SYSTEM FOR BUSES *(continued)*

There is also a timer control switch that allows heaters to be turned on prior to engine start-up. The preheater system will allow the Board to reduce the number of days transportation is not provided due to inclement weather. Funds are available in the budget and the request to RFP for preheater system for buses has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

VIII. NORTHWEST OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CONTRACT

The Northwest Ohio Developmental Center is a licensed intermediate care facility (ICF) operated by the Ohio Department of MRDD (ODMRDD). It is available to provide emergency crisis services for situations in which the health and safety of a person served is not ensured in their community. Services at this facility include room and board, habilitation, assessments, behavior management and supervision 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The Board serves a high needs high risk individual who is in need of services from Northwest Ohio Developmental Center and has been in this placement since April for an assessment period. However, the need for this placement will be longer than anticipated and will exceed the Superintendent's spending authority so the request is to enter into a contract with Northwest Ohio Developmental Center for the period April 20, 2009 through April 19, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$210,240, which is a per diem rate of \$576.00. Once full assessments have been made and a comprehensive plan is developed and put into place staff will work with other entities, if necessary, for the continuation of services for this individual. The Board asked at what point a review will be done relative to the assessments and what services will be needed for this individual. Ms. George replied that assessments are in process and face to face evaluations are completed every 30 days. Funds are available in the budget and the Northwest Ohio Developmental Center Contract has been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee and the July Services & Supports Committee.

IX. MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The May cash receipts reflect an overall unfavorable variance of \$1,305,009 due to reimbursements and property taxes coming in less than budgeted. Overall tax collections for 2009 are expected to be 2% less than original projections. The Board asked how that will impact the Agency annually. Mr. Whitfield replied that it would be approximately \$1 million dollars on an annual basis. Expenditures for May reflect an overall favorable variance of \$1,156,807 due to capital improvements being less than budgeted due to the timing of the new centers and contract services being less than budgeted. The ending May fund balance reflects a favorable variance of \$47,466,422 which is a favorable variance of \$19,644,358 year-to-date. The May financial statements have been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

X. JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The June cash receipts reflect an overall favorable variance of \$101,499 due to Title XX payments being more than anticipated. Expenditures for the month of June reflect an overall favorable variance of \$441,897 primarily due to contract services and capital improvements being more than budgeted. The ending fund balance for June was \$45,694,808 which is a favorable variance of \$20,187,754 year-to-date. The June financial statements have been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

XI. SURPLUS INVENTORY

The items listed in attachment #11 no longer have value or usefulness to the Agency and are taking up needed storage space. These items are being requested for surplus. The Board asked where items go after they are approved for surplus. Mr. Whitfield replied that the County puts the items up for auction, however, when the Board determines items are ready for surplus they have reached such poor condition and lack usefulness that they are considered scrap. The Board asked how items are determined for surplus. Mr. Whitfield explained that there are three Summit MRDD staff who review the items being requested for surplus before those items are placed on a list to be presented to the Board for approval. The surplus items listed in attachment #11 have been recommended for approval by the July Finance & Facilities Committee.

XII. REVISED POLICIES

Policy #4320 and Policy #5710 have been updated to reflect applicable requirements in Ohio statute and Administrative rules.

A. REVISED POLICY #4320 – INCIDENTS THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT HEALTH AND SAFETY

This policy outlines the Board's statutory responsibility relative to the investigation, review and management of incidents adversely affecting the health and safety of individuals served.

B. REVISED POLICY #5710 – QUALITY ASSURANCE MONITORING

This policy outlines the Board's obligations in implementing ongoing quality assurance reviews to ensure services and supports are delivered in accordance with the individual service plan, and that they meet health, safety and welfare needs.

Both revised policies have been recommended for approval by the July Services & Supports Committee.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

XIII. AGENCY NAME CHANGE

The Board asked what the status of the Agency name change is relative to policies. Mr. Armstrong replied that the name change becomes mandatory effective October 4, 2009 but can be changed sooner if the Board chooses to do so; however, the Board has not passed a formal resolution adopting a new name. The board suggested reviewing legislation to determine what the options are relative to the Agency's local identity. However, the Board can retain *mental retardation* in its levy language so as not to confuse the voters.

XIV. REVISED POLICY #2900 – DRIVER POLICY

This policy has been updated relative to cell phone use and the requirements to operate a vehicle in the State of Ohio. The goal of the policy is to assure that employees of the Board who are required to drive as part of their job have sufficient knowledge, skill and ability measured through a safe driving history. The revised policy ensures that employees comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations pertaining to operating their personal vehicle for work-related purposes. The Board asked why cell phone use is not prohibited while driving and why employees are not terminated for violating the policy. Mr. Armstrong explained that most drivers are safe and some staff have even used their cell phones to assist during emergency circumstances. Relative to discipline, the nature of the infraction determines the level of discipline and the Board has to follow the union contracts relative to infractions and the type of discipline that is consistent so that, if arbitrated, the discipline would be upheld. The Board noted that the policy falls short of prohibiting personal cell phone use. Mr. Armstrong noted that there are other cell phone guidelines in place that speak to specific terms of cell phone use during business hours, however staff will compare the documents to ensure that all issues are addressed and indicate the clarity of use that the Board wants to convey. The policy will be redrafted and brought back to the Board in August. Revised Policy #2900 has been recommended for approval by the July HR/LR Committee but will be taken back to that Committee in August for review after the recommended changes have been made.

XV. SUMMIT 2010 PROJECT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The Summit 2010 Project was initiated in 2002 by former County Executive McCarthy to assess the county and individual community social service gaps that might exist. Key community stakeholder groups collaborated to identify social service areas of focus, including a workforce development plan, delinquency prevention and early intervention services including immunizations. The program has continued under the direction of current County Executive Pry and the Summit County Health Department is now administering the program. The request is for continued funding support from the levy funded agencies in the amount of \$65,000 per agency 2009, which is \$10,000 less than the amount requested last year. The Health Department has provided approximately \$40,000 per year in in-kind supports and the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) has contributed an additional \$50,000 per year in in-kind staffing support services.

WORK SESSION *(continued)*

XV. SUMMIT 2010 PROJECT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT *(continued)*

Though it is difficult to directly measure the impact that the project has had on individuals eligible for Board services, the focus areas of gaps are also areas of need for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and their families. Funds are available in the budget and although this topic has not gone through the typical committee review process it is a program the Board has supported in various amounts for the past three years.

The work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the County of Summit Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities convened at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MAY 20, 2009 (combined Work Session and Regular Meeting)

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-01

Mrs. Bordenkircher moved that the Board approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 combined Work Session and Regular Meeting, as presented in attachment #15. The motion, seconded by Mr. Briggs, was unanimously approved.

B. JUNE 3, 2009 (Special Board Meeting)

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-02

Mrs. Bordenkircher moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 3, 2009 special Board Meeting, as presented in attachment #16. The motion, seconded by Mr. Briggs, was unanimously approved.

BOARD MEETING (continued)

II. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

1. REQUEST TO RFP FOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR BUSES

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-03

Mr. Sieferth moved that the Board approve the generation of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for security cameras for buses, as outlined in attachment #5. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Walker, was unanimously approved.

2. REQUEST TO RFP FOR THE CONVERSION OF YELLOW BUSES

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-04

Mr. Briggs moved that the Board approve the generation of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the conversion of yellow buses, as outlined in attachment #6. The motion, seconded by Mr. Sieferth, was unanimously approved.

3. REQUEST TO RFP FOR PREHEATER SYSTEM FOR BUSES

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-05

Mrs. Walker moved that the Board approve the generation of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for preheater systems for buses, as outlined in attachment #7. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Bordenkircher, was unanimously approved.

4. NORTHWEST OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CONTRACT

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-06

Mrs. Bordenkircher moved that the Board approve a contract with Northwest Ohio Developmental Center in the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$210,240.00) for the period April 20, 2009 through April 19, 2010, and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign said contract. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Walker, was unanimously approved.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

II. BOARD ACTION ITEMS *(continued)*

A. FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE *(continued)*

5. MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07-07

Mr. Siegferth moved that the Board approve the May Financial Statements, as presented in attachment #9. The motion, seconded by Mr. Briggs, was unanimously approved.

6. JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07-08

Mr. Siegferth moved that the Board approve the June Financial Statements, as presented in attachment #10. The motion, seconded by Mr. Briggs, was unanimously approved.

7. SURPLUS INVENTORY

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07-09

Mrs. Walker moved that the Board approve the disposal of surplus inventory identified in attachment #11. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Bordenkircher, was unanimously approved.

B. SERVICES & SUPPORTS COMMITTEE

1. REVISED POLICIES: REVISED POLICY #4320 – INCIDENTS THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT HEALTH AND SAFETY AND REVISED POLICY #5710 – QUALITY ASSURANCE MONITORING

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07-10

Mr. Briggs moved that the Board approve revised Policy #4320 – Incidents That Adversely Affect Health and Safety and revised Policy #5710 – Quality Assurance Monitoring, as revised and presented in attachment #12. The motion, seconded by Mr. Siegferth, was unanimously approved.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

II. BOARD ACTION ITEMS *(continued)*

C. OTHER

1. SUMMIT 2010 PROJECT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07-11

Mrs. Bordenkircher moved that the Board approve a contract with the County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to support the Summit 2010 Project, and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign said contract. The motion, seconded by Mr. Siegferth, was unanimously approved.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. MUI REPORT

A peer to peer sex offense was reported and during the investigation it was discovered that two of the provider's administrators had not reported the incident as required by law. The two administrators, one with 29 years of service and the other with 25 years of service, have been fired for failure to report. The case has been turned over to the local police department and is being investigated.

A consumer moved into an Evant group home in a west Akron community and a neighbor learned that the consumer is listed on the Summit County registry as a sex offender. The resident was very upset, as the neighborhood had not been notified by the sheriff's department, as per procedure. This resident made up flyers on their own and distributed them throughout the community. The sheriff's department has since notified the community. Area residents are still upset about this individual living in the community so a neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for this evening. Tom Overfield and Kevin McGee are representing the Summit MRDD at this community meeting, along with representatives from the Summit County sheriff's department, Akron Police Department and City Council for that area.

B. CENSUS

The current Census and capacity reports have been included for review.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

C. 2008 EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION SURVEY ACTION PLAN

An Action Plan to improve employee satisfaction was developed around the results of the 2008 Employee Satisfaction Survey. Areas of focus include:

- ✓ Communicating the results of the survey to all staff by attending department meeting to discuss results, with all staff receiving results by the end of July.
- ✓ Increase the visibility of the Strategic Planning Team (SPT) and communicate how decisions are made. SPT will continue to participate in person served events and will publish regular communications to staff to update employees about what is going on with the Agency and how decisions are made. The intranet site will be updated to include information about who serves on SPT and what their role is.
- ✓ Improve two-way communication between management and staff to ensure consistency in information by developing regular management meetings, implementing a leadership training and training managers in the Agency's Communication Plan.
- ✓ Update employee evaluations to include more frequent feedback to staff by implementing a quarterly feedback process specific to each department and chartering a TOPS team that includes bargaining and non-bargaining staff to examine the use of peer feedback.
- ✓ Charter a TOPS team to evaluate the current reward and recognition programs and make recommendations for Agency-wide and department specific recognition programs.

The Board asked if all managers are on development plans. Mr. Armstrong replied that not all managers are on succession development plans but all have goals identified as part of their performance review. Succession plan training will be launched in 2010 for middle managers and senior staff. The Board asked about the number of managers and senior staff. Mr. Harrison responded that there are approximately 50 managers and 18 SPT Members and although training will be ongoing, the core training will be completed in 2010.

D. SECOND QUARTER 2009 OPERATING PLAN REPORT

The second quarter 2009 Operating Plan reports on the progress of 2009 objectives with 18 of 21 objectives meeting or exceeding stated goals. Several areas to highlight include:

- ✓ 46 individuals received new residential services with 18 of those individuals coming off the waiting list, bringing the current residential waiting list down to 91 individuals from 258 individuals at this time last year.
- ✓ Paid work was available in work centers 97% of the time.
- ✓ 97% of MUI's were reported to ODMRDD within 24 hours.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

D. SECOND QUARTER 2009 OPERATING PLAN REPORT *(continued)*

Several areas that were reported below the goal include:

- ✓ New Level 1 Services – Summit MRDD requested 168 Level 1 Waivers for 2009 from ODMRDD to be awarded at a rate of 42 per quarter. ODMRDD did not release the first quarter waivers and only released 16 waivers in April. Summit MRDD has 35 waivers with an additional 61 individuals identified on the planning tool. Summit MRDD also has 40 I/O waivers with an additional 12 individuals identified on the ODMRDD planning tool.
- ✓ Adults funded on a Medicaid Waiver – Currently 80.13% of total adults receiving services are funded by a Medicaid waiver compared to 77.35% in the first quarter. The goal is to obtain Medicaid waiver funding for 85% of adults served by the Agency. Staff continue to assess persons served for Medicaid eligibility.
- ✓ Employee Satisfaction – the overall satisfaction rate of staff is 74.9%, which is below the goal of 83%. A focus group was conducted to determine the root cause of dissatisfaction and an action plan has been developed to address priorities for improvement.

E. VICTIMS OF CRIME BILL FOLLOW-UP

There has been discussion with ODMRDD about clarifying legislation relative to the Victims of Crime Bill. The ODMRDD has decided it would be best to not challenge the legislation since a group of private provider stakeholders don't want twenty four hour a day, seven days per week reporting and challenging the legislation would reopen the rule for new interpretation. The Board indicated their disappointment that the ODMRDD, who are responsible for the health and safety of persons served in the State of Ohio, are against advocating for change. Mr. Armstrong noted that the ODMRDD is concerned that reopening the rule would risk getting a less effect version of the rule and it was felt that the legislation, as written, already requires 24 hour per day, seven days per week reporting and that Summit County's arbitration ruling was an anomaly.

F. ODMRDD AND COUNTY MRDD BOARD NAME CHANGE

Governor Strickland signed legislation mandating that Ohio county boards eliminate the use of *mental retardation* (MR) from their name. This change becomes effective October 4, 2009. However, county boards are permitted to use existing supplies with current logos and are also permitted to use MR terminology for levy ballot language. The Agency's Public & Community Relations Department is developing a 90 day, 6 month and one year plan relative to introducing the new name/logo.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

G. STATE 2010/2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor Strickland and legislators came to an agreement relative to the state 2010/2011 budget, with the biggest obstacle being the gambling issue. The impact to the Board is approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 additional subsidy cuts. Tangible personal property tax was supposed to be eliminated in 2011 and is now being held in abeyance with dollars to replace until a long term solution can be accomplished. Projections indicate that the 2012/2013 budget will be even more difficult.

H. SALE OF BATH CENTER

County Executive Pry advised that InfoCision, the entity that previously indicated interest in purchasing the Bath Center, has requested another meeting with the County. The Board has proposed a purchase price of \$3.5 million dollars for the Bath Center. The Board asked about the planning process relative to vacating the Bath Center. Mr. Armstrong replied that a group of staff and stakeholders are looking at transition issues such as transportation relative to the center closest to an individuals home and indicated that the change could affect approximately 200-250 persons served. He noted that Tom Berry, parent and Board Member for The Arc of Summit and Portage Counties is participating on this group. Mr. Payne noted that shifting individuals to work centers closest to their home is an ongoing effort and advised that over the past 16-17 months there have been approximately 147 occurrences of moves so that individuals could attend the work center closest to their home. The Board commented that there was discussion at one time about chartering a group to ensure that the Agency appropriately recognizes the significant role the Bath Center has had in the lives of individuals served and there should be as much fanfare about leaving the Bath Center as there will be about the grand opening of the two new centers. Mr. Armstrong indicated that he would make sure that this is part of the dialogue and discussion and noted that there has already been some discussion relative to relocating the memorials that are currently in place at the Bath Center.

I. FEEDBACK FROM DAVE DOHNAL REGARDING THE BOARD'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Armstrong advised that, at the Board's request, he drafted a letter on their behalf acknowledging Mr. Dohnal's hard work and dedication serving on the OACBMRDD Board and thanked him for his many years of service. Mr. Dohnal, who was present during part of the July Board Meeting, expressed his deepest appreciation and commented that the letter has been framed and hung in a place of honor in his home. Mr. Ginter stated that the letter barely captures the impact that Mr. Dohnal's dedication and service has had in the State of Ohio and to the lives of individuals with disabilities in Summit County.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

J. WEAVER SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS LOGO

Mr. Armstrong advised that he met with approximately six representatives from the Weaver Sports Booster Club and was advised that they are pursuing a not-for-profit status. There was discussion relative to the Board assisting financially with that effort. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled and Mr. Armstrong indicated that he is encouraged that the opportunity to come to an agreement still exists. He also noted that meetings have been held and postcards mailed to Special Olympian athletes relative to the new logo so that they can vote on the new logo.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ginter noted that the reduction of the residential waiting list to 91 individuals is very exciting and that waiting list is now within reach of being eliminated completely.

He noted that 97% work availability in Summit MRDD work centers indicates that the issue of work availability has been resolved and acknowledged to staff and Weaver Industries that this is the direction the Board wants. He commended staff and Weaver Industries for their efforts in this area.

Mr. Ginter advised that at the May meeting the Board passed a resolution for The Arc of Summit and Portage Counties' 60th Anniversary and honorees. Since Tom Berry was absent at that meeting, but is present tonight and is one of the honorees, the Board wants to recognize him now. The Board read Resolution #09-05-13 and presented a framed copy to Mr. Berry, thanking him for his commitment and service to individuals with disabilities. Mr. Ginter noted that the system in Summit County exists because of parents like Mr. Berry who got together to make things happen so the individuals with disabilities could succeed. He indicated that this is a testimonial to how well The Arc does its job and applauded the collaborative effort. Mr. Berry thanked the Board for its recognition.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 09-07-12

Mr. Briggs moved that the Board enter into Executive Session in compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G, Subsection (4) for purposes of discussing bargaining unit negotiations. Upon reconvening, the Board may or may not conduct additional business. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bordenkircher.

Roll call vote: Ginter-yes, Siegfert-yes, Briggs-yes, Bordenkircher-yes and Walker-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

The regular session of the Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Olivia Demas, Secretary