

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012, WITH COMMISSIONERS ROBERT L. PROUD AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE. LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COMMISSIONER EDWIN H. HUMPHREY WAS NOT PRESENT

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEBORAH BRITTON, CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE NOVEMBER 19, 2012 INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEOTAPED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/videos-bcc.aspx>.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUE WAS PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - Clermont County Developmental Disabilities: Levy Needs for 2013

Discussion - Sharon Woodrow, Superintendent and David Sininger, Director of Business Operations of Clermont County Developmental Disabilities (CCDD) were present to discuss services provided by CCDD and levy needs for 2013.

Ms. Woodrow stated that 2013 is the last year of the 5 year operating levy; in February CCDD will approach the Board with a formal request that a renewal levy be placed on the ballot. Ms. Woodrow provided a handout to the Board outlining where the CCDD receives their money and where they expend the funds.

Additional discussion was held regarding the services CCDD provides from birth to death for developmentally disabled citizens; CCDD is mandated to continue to provide services once they have started to grant assistance for an individual. Detailed discussion was held regarding the new and additional programs that CCDD has developed over the last 10 years.

Ms. Woodrow noted a few examples; CCDD provides an early intervention therapy program for children birth to 3 years old which has proven to be very beneficial long term. This includes teaching parents how to work with the children through speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy, they have found this decreases the need for intensive services in the future. CCDD also offers a school aged child program which receives funding through the school districts, it was noted that none of the levy monies are directed toward this particular program.

Ms. Woodrow stated that CCDD does participate in several fundraising events throughout the year to assist with smaller programs such as the respite program, Dancing with the Stars, and the Flying Pig Marathon.

It was further discussed that CCDD restructured the agency in 2004 to save money. It was noted that CCDD is smaller administratively and are servicing 55% more individuals than they were 10 years ago. Commissioner Proud stated that during a performance audit by the State Auditor CCDD policies were used as examples of best practices recommendations to use throughout the State.

Commissioner Uible inquired as to the number of people CCDD touches, and the ratio of the makeup children, school aged children as well as adults receiving services.

Ms. Woodrow stated that CCDD is currently servicing 450 infants, 44 to 50 School aged population (this number fluctuates), and there are 1,673 people on active case loads at any one time. CCDD has a waiting list of 675 people for Level I and IO waiver services the IO waiver is a lifetime commitment. However, there are just 141 of that 675 who are not receiving a service. CCDD has been able to locate specialized child care, transportation, respite programs, or connections to other service agencies for those on the waiting list to assist them.

Mr. Sininger noted CCDD's overall budget is approximately 18 million; however the current levy at the renewal level represents about 3 million of that budget.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Ms. Woodrow will return in February to request a renewal for the .75 millage levy. Ms. Woodrow stressed the importance of a successful levy given the anticipated reduction in the state subsidy funding.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

ROBERT L. PROUD, PRESIDENT

Absent/Abstained

EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER

STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

12-19-12
DATE APPROVED