

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Announces Upcoming Retirement of Joy Badenhop, Long-Time Discovery Center Director

September 2, 2021

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) met on September 2, 2021, at 5:00 PM. The evening began with a board training on Major Unusual Incidents/Unusual Incidents (MUI's/UI's) presented by the LCBDD Director of Support Services, Jason Moyer. Mr. Moyer presented information regarding the difference between an Unusual Incident and a Major Unusual incident and the types of categories under which they can be filed. MUIs are alleged, suspected, or actual occurrences of an incident when there is reason to believe the health and welfare of a person may be adversely affected or the person is placed at a likely risk of harm. For full definitions of each MUI type, read OAC 5123-17-02. Topics also included when a MUI/UI should be reported, including time frames and how one would go about reporting their concerns. It is important that any citizen concerned about the safety of a vulnerable individual report their concerns as soon as possible. MUIs can be reported directly to the LCBDD website, <https://www.logancbdd.org/mui/> or by calling the LCBDD.



Long-time Director of the Discovery Center Preschool and Early Intervention Services, Joy Badenhop, has announced that she plans to retire at the end of this calendar year. Mrs. Badenhop has been with LCBDD for over 28 years. The excellent leadership she has provided to staff and the amazing service she has provided to the children and families served, will leave behind some big shoes to fill. Over the next few months, LCBDD will be searching for a replacement for Mrs. Badenhop. The hope is that someone can be hired and spend time with Mrs. Badenhop prior to her departure. We send Mrs. Badenhop the best of wishes for her retirement! This position will be posted soon.

In other news, Superintendent Bauer reported that the “Come Play at the Lake” project, an inclusive playground at Fox Island, continues to progress on the road to completion. Community partners who are working to make this project happen are thankful for the cooperation of the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities for sharing their vision of Logan County inclusive playgrounds. We are excited to see this project come to life as it will benefit many families and our community.



The board reviewed Health Commissioner, Dr. Hoddinott's continued guidance for COVID-19 recommendations. One topic that has been continually stressed is the air quality in buildings. The LCBDD buildings, including the Discovery Center, have installed multiple air purifiers and increased air circulation which have greatly improved air quality and resulted in excellent CO2 levels. Student, staff and visitor's health and safety is of the highest priority. Additional information about the COVID Protocol can be found on the LCBDD website at www.logancbdd.org.

In further board discussion, the current OACB Medical Alliance has passed a resolution to dissolve the benefit plan trust sponsored by the Ohio County Boards, effective December 31, 2021. As a result of this decision, LCBDD is in the process of seeking a new benefits administrator for employees.

LCBDD also announced the purchase of a home in Bellefontaine through Residential Administrators. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has assisted with the purchase of this home through a grant. This home will provide additional individuals with developmental disabilities an opportunity to live in an independent setting.

In financial business the board completed its annual report for 2020. The report can be found in their newsletter, The Annual Messenger at <https://www.logancbdd.org/>.

The finance committee will meet on October 1st at noon. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, October 7 at 5:00 pm. These meetings are open to the public.