



# Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**April 22, 2025**

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

### **Attendance:**

Member	Present	Absent	Prior notice
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

### **Public Comment:**

None.

### **Approval of March Board Minutes:**

19-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney, to accept the Minutes for the March Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

### **Ratification of Paid Expenditures:**

Karon Fisher presented the March Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

20-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to approve the March Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

### **Superintendents Report:**

1. In your packet, you will see a revised Family Assistance procedure proposal. While in March's meeting, you approved the superintendent to make procedural changes as needed, I would still like your feedback on this particular procedure. I took into consideration all of the comments from our last meeting and also compared our procedure with some surrounding counties.
2. In the past, the board has had a policy regarding insurance benefits and has locked in the percentages of how much of a portion the board will pay. I would like to propose that this policy be revised to give the board the ability to make changes to those amounts on an annual basis. You will see in the policy proposal that the board members are able to pay for a portion of their choosing. Additionally, I would like to offer to employees who do not participate in the insurance plan offered by the board, a small stipend. This is a common practice among many other boards across the state.
3. We also hope to have for you some options with regard to how much insurance premiums could cost based on current figures. Karon will have a handout for our meeting that gives different scenarios for you to see the cost analysis of what portion the board pays versus the employee pays in insurance benefits.
4. The Royal Ball is coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. This event is held annually and is organized by the County Auditor. It is held at the high school, the day after the Vinton County High School prom. Many of the people who are served by VCBDD attend this event. Some of our staff and board members were able to attend last year and a good time was had by all! If you are able, please plan to attend, even if for a short while!

### **SSA Report:**

January 2, we posted an SSA position did 2 rounds of interviews and hired Loryn Gipson her first day was April 3, so far she is getting trainings done getting acquainted with all staff members and is fitting in nicely.

Tina and I attended the annual Health Initiative collaboration where I presented the latest count of people we serve waiver and non-waiver and we learned about other VC agencies and resources they all offer. We currently serve around 150 adults and children, with 68 of those with waivers.

We have had 4 referrals already this year.

We are attending staff training with HCBDD on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, so the office will be closed half day but can still be reached by phone. We do this on average 2 times a year.

Success story:

We have 2 clients that have been a couple for a few years living together with parents, they moved out into their own home in the community and very happy.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Informational Items:**

Superintendent Jill Squires presented Early Intervention information to the Board.

**Administrative Approvals**

None.

**Personnel Items:**

Superintendent Jill Squires introduced the new SSA, Loryn Gipson to the Board.

**New Business:**

**Approval of Invoice Resolution #2025-04-01:**

21-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve Invoice Resolution #2025-04-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

**Approval of Reinstating Policy HR-09 Calamity Days Resolution #2025-04-02:**

22-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve Reinstating Policy HR-09 Calamity Days Resolution #2025-04-02, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

**Approval of Revising Policies and Procedure F-07 Insurance Benefits and SS-19 Family Support Services and Procedure Resolution #2025-04-03:**

23-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Tammy Hopkins to approve Revising Policies and Procedure F-07 and SS-19 Family Support Services and Procedure Resolution #2025-04-03, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

**Adjournment:**

24-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

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Sharon Chaney, Secretary

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Tiffany Pierce, President