



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2025

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 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 April Board Minutes:

25-25 Moved by Tammy Hopkins, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to accept the Minutes for the April 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 April Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

26-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Karen Hauck, to approve the April 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. Last month, we gave you some information regarding health insurance rates and the board's contributions. With the update to our insurance policy, the board now has the authority to set a compensation rate for employees. Since our meeting last month was canceled, we are hopeful that you may have had time to review the figures from last month and make an informed decision tonight. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have before or during our meeting. In tonight's packet, there is a renewal contract with Vinton County Board of DD for an Early Intervention Developmental Specialist. This arrangement has worked out very well for families. As the DS has become more acquainted with the families in Vinton and the more referrals that come in, the caseload has shifted its weight over to Vinton County. We have proposed moving the split amount from 50/50 to 75/25, where Vinton provides the funding for 75% of the position.
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3. Another contract you have tonight is the agreement for shared services between Hocking and Vinton counties. I have proposed moving the agreement to a 3-year term. That is the only change that is proposed at this time. I am happy to discuss further during our meeting.
4. The Ohio Senate bill as it currently sits has a couple of direct impacts on the DD field. One of the line items in the proposed bill makes SSA training mandatory within 30 days of a person starting their position. This language is redundant and not necessary. There is already language in the Ohio Administrative Code which requires SSA trainings. The new part is having it done with 30 days instead of 90 days. County boards are advocating for the removal of this language all together. The other has to do with County Commission

Empowerment. This new authority would allow the budget commissions in each county to reduce the taxpayer-voted levies. Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), has been advocating strongly against this measure. OACB published earlier this month, "During testimony, county boards warned that the language is vague, lacks clear guidance, and threatens the financial stability of Ohio's DD system, which depends on local property tax revenue to fund nearly half of the state's Medicaid match for home- and community-based services (HCBS) waivers.

OACB urged lawmakers to adopt amendment SC2924 to remove the provision entirely or, at a minimum, support amendment SC3079-1* to exempt entities that are statutorily responsible for funding a portion of the state's Medicaid waiver match from the provision. Without changes, the proposal could jeopardize the long-term sustainability of essential services for people with developmental disabilities across Ohio."

I will keep the board updated as we find out more.

SSA Report:

Not a lot to report but since last update we had a provider spring social on May 2nd, we had 2 agencies, and 2 Independent providers attend.

We also had our annual walk-a-thon on May 23rd at the VC High School track.

We currently serve around 150 adults and children, with 68 of those with waivers.

We have had 5 referrals already this year.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Superintendent Jill Squires presented the MEORC MUI Report for the first quarter of 2025.

Karon Fisher presented 2026 Insurance options.

Administrative Approvals

None.

Personnel Items:

None.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2025-06-01:

27-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tammy Hopkins to approve Invoice Resolution #2025-06-01, 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 Early Intervention Services Contractual Agreement between VCBDD and HCBDD:

28-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve Early Intervention Services Contractual Agreement between VCBDD and HCBDD, 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 MOU for the Strategic Alliance between VCBDD and HCBDD:

29-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve MOU for the Strategic Alliance between VCBDD and HCBDD, 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 Early Intervention Services Evaluation and Assessment Funding Contractual Agreement between VCBDD and HCBDD:

30-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve Early Intervention Services Evaluation and Assessment Funding Contractual Agreement between VCBDD and HCBDD, 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 Ohio School Plan Coverage Proposal:

31-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Sharon Chaney to approve Ohio School Plan Coverage Proposal, 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:

32-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tammy Hopkins, 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 6:35 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Sharon Chaney, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President