

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Media Release  
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LCBDD TO CELEBRATE MARCH AS DD AWARENESS MONTH

The board met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2014 with President Jeff Martin presiding.

The board discussed developmental disabilities awareness month. "Ability at Work" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2014. During this month the board recognizes the value people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have every day in our communities. The board provides a valuable service to the community as they provide and/or advocate for lifelong services to nearly 500 individuals with developmental disabilities. A few of the month long activities include, the annual Elected Officials breakfast which will be held on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am where the keynote speaker will be John Martin, Director of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Other speakers will be Bryan Krehn, an Associate, and Mike Wissner, an advocate; Judge Mike Brady from Family Court and Anthony Core, President of the Logan County Commissioners. The annual appreciation breakfast honoring the business clients of RTC, Industries and the local businesses that employ persons with developmental disabilities will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. (The logo artwork below for the "Ability at Work" campaign was modified by LCBDD employees, Diane Parsons, Rebecca Crisler and Rose Cantor)



Nancy Evans-Donley, Manager of Adult Services, presented to the board on the "faces of RTC". She informed the board of all the wonderful work done by employees at the RTC Adult Services Program. The Senior Program serves 18 associates and has three staff. They participate in many group activities including arts and crafts, hikes and walking, trips and adventures. The Adult Services Workshop serves 76 Associates on 1<sup>st</sup> Shift with the assistance of two Habilitation Specialists and ten vocational staff while 2<sup>nd</sup> shift serves 15 associates, has two apprentices and 1 staff. This group provides services to many of our local companies. It was very impressive to hear the amount of items that have been through the workshop doors. Nancy hi-lighted a few of those as follows: AGC : rails 15,000 already in 2014, clips over 2 million in 2013, Y1BC laces over 25,000 in 4 months. HONDA : over 20 types of differential caps totaling over 37 million parts inspected. Belle Tech: Rear window defrosters, 1 million in 2011. Window camera brackets 189,000 in 2013. Daido Metal: Trays & Totes for the car lines wash & peel labels. RTC Industries, Inc: Paper shredding: We have over 108 customers. Our associates sort the colored paper from the white, shred it and bale it to be sold. Electronic document Imaging: Our Associates scan, organize, and do quality inspection. They provide documentation to verify originals are destroyed when the quality inspection has been completed. If your company is looking for assistance with a project call Helen Manns (Operations Manager) at 292-3027.

In other business, Mr. Bauer discussed the Employment First Project and the anticipated changes in Ohio regarding vocational services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD), are partnering in a statewide initiative to expand community employment services for people with developmental disabilities. The partnership allows the state to maximize resources to support more people on their path to community employment, build system capacity, and strengthen the

relationship between the developmental disability and vocational rehabilitation systems in Ohio. In their September 16, 2011 Informational Bulletin on integrated employment services, explained that Waiver funding is not available for the provision of vocational services delivered in facility-based or sheltered work settings, where individuals are supervised for the primary purpose of producing goods or performing services.

In January 2014, CMS published a final rule to change HCBS waiver provisions to convey expectations regarding person-centered plans of care and to provide characteristics of settings that are home and community-based. According to this new regulation, home and community-based settings are integrated in and support full access of individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS. CMS is currently working with stakeholders to clarify expectations of this new rule for day activity services, and additional guidance will be forthcoming.

Public and private providers often express a strong desire to take the necessary steps to transform from facility-based to integrated services, but are often frustrated in determining how best to do so. Through the project transformation initiative, national subject matter expert consultants will provide facility-based provider agencies with technical assistance in the process of transformation from segregated to integrated services. Selected provider agencies will learn fiscal transformation strategies designed to better include competitive and integrated employment options as a viable and sustainable funding stream. Mr. Bauer requested that the board consider a motion to allow us to apply to be an Employment First Project Transformation Site. We strive to give our associates choices and live productive and active lives in the community. We are hoping to be an active part of this project.

The next finance committee meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in the board office conference room with the board meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West. Meetings are open to the public.

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