



Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

## HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

**August 19, 2026**

Board Members Present: Samantha Andonian, Daniel Bischoff,  
Chris Buchhop, Kim Cordes, Harmony Downing,  
Brenda Kruse, Nichole Tripp

Superintendent: Kelly Rieke

Staff Present: Keri Bunke, Melinda Camp, Tracy Deblin,  
Jessica Harmon, Heather Obermyer

Visitors: Lisa Owen

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (**HCBDD**) Regular Board meeting was held on August 19, 2026, at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bischoff and roll call was taken. Brenda Kruse joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Mr. Bischoff also thanked Nichole Tripp for her years of service to the board as this is her last board meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda**

#### **Resolution 26-42: The HCBDD approved the minutes of the July 15, 2026, Regular Board meeting.**

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-42 was unanimously approved.

### **New Business from the Board**

#### **Resolution 26-43: The HCBDD approved the DODD Fiscal Sustainability Plan as presented.**

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Downing. DODD requires a fiscal sustainability plan due to cost projections indicating that the board is currently in fiscal warning. Our main course of action is the levy we have on the ballot in November. We are also looking at cost saving measures across the agency. The board would like to review this plan at the December board meeting. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-43 was unanimously approved.

### **Updates from the Superintendent:**

Kelly Rieke, Superintendent, shared a few updates with the board.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is working with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) on a proposal to regionalize certain Medicaid-related county board functions. In return, county boards could receive additional financial support, potentially including assistance with the county's waiver match. County boards would remain in place and continue providing locally funded services and Service and Support Administration (SSA) functions, including person-centered planning.

The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) reported that it met with Senate majority caucus staff to discuss county board fiscal sustainability in the next state budget.

As a next step, DODD would like to work with OACB to establish a shared understanding of cost and revenue data, explore options for incrementally increasing the state match if 100% support is not immediately feasible, and identify potential timelines for the state to assume the match if that change is not included in the next budget.

### **Business Manager Report**

#### **Resolution 26-44: The HCBDD approved the July 2026 financial reports as presented.**

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-44 was unanimously approved.

### **Personnel / Policies**

Mr. Bischoff, Board President thanked the following employees for their years of service:

Renita Kuehner, 5 years of service  
Christina Clark, 9 years of service

#### **Resolution 26-45: The HCBDD approve the revised policies as presented.**

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Downing. Language was added in 1.03 Board Member Requirements regarding a person eligible for services must be on the board and 5.27 Visitors, Volunteers, and Interns was updated to meet compliance requirements. Roll call was taken and 26-45 was unanimously approved.

### Departmental Reports

Melinda Camp, Community Relations/Employment First Manager, presented employment updates and a successful youth experience working at the milkshake at the Henry County Fair.

### Adjournment

**Resolution 26-46 The HCBDD approved to adjourn the August 19, 2026, Regular Board meeting.**

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-46 was unanimously approved.

  
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Kim Cordes, Board Secretary

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