HOPE SERVICES
Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2026

Board Members Present:	Samantha Andonian, Daniel Bischoff, Chris Buchhop, Kim Cordes, Harmony Downing, Brenda Kruse
Superintendent:	Kelly Rieke
Staff Present:	Melinda Camp, Tracy Deblin, Jessica Harmon, Heather Obermyer, Blake Stambaugh
Visitors:	Lisa Owen

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities **(HCBDD)** Regular Board meeting was held on September 16, 2026, at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bischoff and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda

Resolution 26-47: The HCBDD approved the minutes of the August 19, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-47 was unanimously approved.

New Business from the Board

Resolution 26-48: The HCBDD approved Harmony Downing as Vice President of the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Downing. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-48 was unanimously approved.

Updates from the Superintendent:

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

Director Lyndsay Nash, Clay Weidner, and the Superintendent Executive Committee have discussed ways to make county board funding and Medicaid administration more sustainable. The committee supports having the state pay 100% of

the local waiver-match cost. It also recommends that meaningful financial relief begins for all counties in the next two-year state budget, with early funding directed to counties in immediate financial distress and to new waiver growth. The group discussed whether some Medicaid administrative duties could be managed regionally or by qualified large counties. However, any required regionalization should occur only if it is paired with meaningful financial reform. The committee also emphasized preserving locally employed SSAs and the county board as the local "front door" for services. OACB and DODD are advocating for waiver match funding in the next state budget.

Our NOWAC region Superintendents and SSA Directors have met monthly to start discussions about regionalization standards that make sense to start working on now.

Reminders
All Board members are required 4 hours per year of Board member training. Please keep a look out in your email for training material. Once you review it, let me know and I will give you the training credit.

Trunk or Treat is October 15th. TOP Dog and HARC will be here selling food. Soaring Arts will have some activities going on. We are also planning a tech room open house. If you or anyone you know would like to have a trunk, let us know by October 1.

OACB's annual convention is November 11th through November 13th. Let me know if this is something you would like to attend. They typically also offer some virtual options.

Business Manager Report

Resolution 26-49: The HCBDD approved the 2027 preliminary budget as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Kruse. Tracy Deblin, Business Manager, stated this is preliminary and due to the auditor's office in September. We will be able to update if needed after the levy. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-49 was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-50: The HCBDD approved the August 2026 financial reports as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Andonian. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-50 was unanimously approved.

Contracts and Addendums

Resolution 26-51: The HCBDD approved the contracts and addendums as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Heather Obermyer, Operations Manager, shared JT's Building & Maintenance contract for snowplowing

this winter with a ten-dollar increase was noted for plowing. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-51 was unanimously approved.

Personnel / Policies

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

Jessica Harmon, 8 years of service
Cheryl Lewis, 14 years of service

Departmental Reports

Blake Stambaugh, SSA Director, shared recent changes to intake and eligibility such as Changes to "What is a Developmental Disability" and what does "Manifest" Mean. Mr. Stambaugh also discussed changes to the ADHD diagnosis parameters and that it must be present in two or more settings and also that we can no longer use educational diagnostics and can only use diagnostics from Medical Doctors, Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists, and Nurse Practitioners.

Adjournment

Resolution 26-52 The HCBDD approved to adjourn the September 16, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Downing. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-52 was unanimously approved.

Kim Cordes 10/21/2026

Kim Cordes, Board Secretary Date

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