

# Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities

2606 Brady Lake Road

Ravenna, Ohio 44266

**February 21, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

***Via ZOOM and open to in-person attendance***

**Happy Day Services Building Board Room**

## MINUTES

Maureen Haska, President, called the regular meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by those in attendance

Board Members present by Roll Call:

Kelly Butler, Thomas Grist, Maureen Haska, Cheri Michael, Timothy Moran, Michelle Sahr, William Tarver

A quorum is present.

Administrative Staff Present

J. Vennetti, Supt., T. Beatty, J. Derthick via Zoom, M. Dolenksy, T. Lyons, G. Slapnicker, L. Leslie, G. Winsen, via zoom, K. Smith, via zoom, A. Hall, via zoom

Excused:

Guests present: Jason, Donna, Susan, Steve, Bill, Lucy, Phil Miller

Staff: Betsi Orth, SSA via Zoom, Eric Larsen, Tim Torch

Please note: those noted *via zoom* were identified through streaming through *Zoom* as an attendee

Public Comment:

Presentation/Recognition/Introductions:

Michelle Dolensky presented Donna Polley, Agency Provider, Portage Industries, Inc. as the February DSP of the month.

Adopted a motion to approve the minutes from the Organization Meeting held via 'Zoom' and in-person January, 17, 2024.

Motion by K. Butler

Second by T. Moran

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adopted a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held via ‘Zoom’ and in-person January 17, 2024.

Motion by T. Grist  
Second by W. Tarver  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Motioned to approve the agenda for February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion by C. Michael  
Second by M. Sahr  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion for the Ratification of the January 2024 Invoice Payments as authorized by the Superintendent.

Motion by T. Grist  
Second by K. Butler  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Motioned for the Acceptance of the January 31, 2024 Financial Reports.

Motion by T. Moran  
Second by W. Tarver  
Motion carried by voice vote.

Board committee report: there were no committee meetings held.

Motion to approved Resolution 24-02-01 Approve to request to modify the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Budget as approved by the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities per Resolution 23-05-05 an increase in the amount of one-million, five-hundred nineteen and one hundred dollars; \$1,519,100 with the modified amounts shown in the table below for a total Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Budget amount of twenty two million, three hundred sixty thousand dollars; \$22,360,000.00.

**RESOLUTION 24-02-01**

**REQUEST TO MODIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PER RESOLUTION 23-05-05.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (hereinafter ORC) §5126.05(A)(5), the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereinafter Board) shall adopt a budget, authorize expenditures for the purposes specified in chapter 5126, and do so in accordance with §319.16 of the ORC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Director of Business Management herein request that the Board authorize the modification of the fiscal year 2024 appropriation budget due to revised expenditure projections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve and authorize a modification to the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Budget by an increase in the amount one-million, five-hundred nineteen, one-hundred dollars; \$1,519,100.00, with the modified amounts shown in the table below for a total Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Budget amount of twenty-two million, three hundred sixty thousand dollars; \$22,360,000.00; and be it further

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Modification</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
<b>Fund 1340</b>	<i>DD Operating Fund</i>	\$20,805,900.00	\$1,529,100.00	\$22,335,000.00
<b>Fund 8104</b>	<i>Gift/Donation Fund</i>	\$35,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$25,000.00
	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$20,840,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,519,100.00</b>	<b>\$22,360,000.00</b>

RESOLVED, that the Board herein requests that the Portage County Budget Commission so modify the county funds as detailed in this table; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with ORC § 319.16 and 5126.0220, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to direct the Portage County Auditor to encumber funds and pay Board obligations in accordance with the Board’s approved Appropriation Budget as detailed in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby gives the Superintendent the authority to modify appropriation line items within any of the modified fund accounts listed in the Table above during fiscal year 2023 as revenues and needs change.

Submitted by: John Vennetti, Superintendent, & Tara Beatty, Director of Business Management

The resolution was moved by **Thomas Grist** and seconded by **Willaim Tarver**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

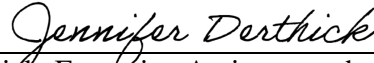
Kelly Butler, aye  
 Cheri Michael, aye  
 Michelle Sahr, aye

Tom Grist, aye  
 Timothy Moran, aye  
 William Tarver, aye

Maureen Haska, aye

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, for the Portage county Board of Developmental Disabilities, do hereby certify that the aforesaid motion was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on **February 21, 2024**, and an accurate copy of said resolution may be located in the official minutes of the Board.



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Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approved Resolution 24-02-02 approval of John D. Vennetti as Superintendent of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

**RESOLUTION 24-02-02**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. VENNETTI AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, AND APPROVAL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH MR. VENNETTI FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AS PART OF THIS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board extended the appointment of John D. Vennetti as Superintendent effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, per resolution 22-02-04; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed Mr. Vennetti' s job performance since the above noted extension of appointment as Superintendent and has elected to further extend his employment as the Board's Superintendent effective January 1, 2024; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board herein approves the appointment of John D. Vennetti as Superintendent effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board herein approves the terms and conditions of the management contract with Mr. Vennetti, a copy of which is attached as part of this resolution, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee is authorized to take any and all actions to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: Lynn Leslie, Director of Human Resources

The resolution was moved by **Kelly Butler** and seconded by **Michelle Sahr**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

Kelly Butler, aye  
Cheri Michael, aye  
Michelle Sahr, aye

Thomas Grist, aye  
Timothy Moran, aye  
William Tarver, aye

Maureen Haska, aye

CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities do hereby certify that the aforesaid motion was duly adopted at a regular monthly meeting held on **February 21, 2024**, and an accurate copy of said resolution may be located in the official minutes of the Board.

  
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Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approved Resolution 24-02-03 authorizing the Superintendent for the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities to proceed with the public bid process for an accessible ½ mile walking path at Brady Lake Park using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

**RESOLUTION 24-02-03**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC BID PROCESS FOR AN ACCESSIBLE ½ MILE WALKING PATH AT BRADY LAKE PARK USING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) GRANT AWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter Board) has determined the need to engage a contractor to construct an improvement project concerning an **accessible ½ mile walking path at Brady Lake Park**; and

WHEREAS, the County Prosecutor’s Office has recommended and advised that the Board proceed under the competitive bidding process as described in Ohio Revised Code §307.86 *et seq.*; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to advertise

for public bids for a contractor to construct an accessible walking path at Brady Lake Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to take action, including without limitation: to publish notice of bids in the *Record Courier* newspaper for two consecutive weeks; require the successful bidder complete the project in calendar year 2024; require bidders submit a bid guaranty and performance bond; publish notice that bids will be opened on a date to be determined at a later time in the Portage County Department of Developmental Disabilities Board Room located at 2500 Brady Lake Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266; as well any other requirement the Board and the Superintendent determine necessary and reasonable for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the public notice of bids is in full conformity with §307.86 *et. seq.* of the Ohio Revised Code as applicable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: John Vennetti, Superintendent and Tara Beatty, Director of Business Management.

The resolution was moved by **Timothy Moran** and seconded by **Thomas Grist**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

Kelly Butler, aye  
Timothy Moran, aye  
Michelle Sahr, aye

Tom Grist, aye  
Cheri Michael, aye  
William Tarver, aye

Maureen Haska, aye

I, Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities do hereby certify that the aforesaid motion was duly adopted at a regular meeting held February **21, 2024**, and an accurate copy of said resolution will be located in the official minutes of the Board.

  
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Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Motion to approved Resolution 24-02-04 authorizing the Superintendent for the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities to proceed with the public bid process for an accessible ½

mile walking path at Brady Lake Park using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

**RESOLUTION 24-02-04**

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT #20240111 WITH THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO NETWORK (NEON) FOR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT  
EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter referred to as the Board) and The Northeast Ohio Network (hereinafter referred to as NEON), a Council of Governments (COG) established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, under which NEON would undertake certain administrative actions on behalf of the Board related to the administration of residential services; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement with NEON (#20240111) includes such functions as NEON paying for, on behalf of and upon approval of the Board, family support services, supported living services, other residentially-related services, quality assurance nursing reviews, provider compliance reviews, major unusual incident investigations as back-up, and other community-based services and supports; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to amend the contract with NEON in order to add the provision to provide additional duties to include administration of the Board's 2024 Accessibility and Inclusion Grant; and

WHEREAS, both the Board and NEON are desirous of entering into this amended contractual relationship; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board authorizes an amendment to the contract with NEON for the remainder of the original agreement, which runs from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount as noted below:

Additional \$500,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$7,870,000.00

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his/her designee is further authorized to take any and all actions to carry out this resolution.

Submitted by: John Vennetti, Superintendent, Michelle Dolensky, Director of Community and Provider Relations; and Tara Beatty, Director of Business Management

The resolution was moved by **Thomas Grist** and seconded by **Cheri Michael**

It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities concerning and relative to the adoption of this resolution were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised

Code.

The aforesaid resolution having been put to a roll call vote, the result of which is as follows:

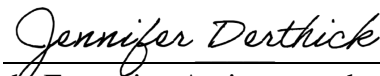
Kelly Butler, aye  
Maureen Haska, aye  
Michelle Sahr, aye

Thomas Grist, aye  
Cheri Michael, aye  
William Tarver, aye

Timothy Moran, aye

CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Derthick, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities, do hereby certify that the aforesaid motion was duly adopted at a regular meeting held **February 21, 2024**, and an accurate copy of said resolution will be located in the official minutes of the Board.



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Jennifer Derthick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Motioned for Proclamation for the Knights of Columbus Bowling Invitational to recognize thirty-three (33) years of sponsoring the Annual Bowling Invitational April 13, 2024 at Spins Bowl, Kent, OH.

Motion by K. Butler  
Second by T. Grist  
Motion carried by voice vote.

The following Management Reports were sent via e-mail to Board; no verbal reports were given at meeting. The reports are included herein:

**Community and Provider Relations:** Michelle Dolensky, Director

**1. Provider Relations/Support:**

- a. Events in process for DD Awareness Month, calendars distributed
- b. Presentation on DSP-U at Ravenna HA on 2/1
- c. Windham Career Day 2/15
- d. 2/20 DSP-U meeting with Ravenna Jr. & Sr.
- e. Field Career Day 2/27
- f. Attended Ohio Personalized Learning Network Empower Student Learning session, requested by Bio-Med, Katrina joining committee

**2. Advocacy:**

- a. Advocates focusing on Gratitude. Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Reed Memorial Library



- b. PAP – memorizing roles for NEOMED simulated patient event in March, starting writing a “Just say NO!” skit on managing drama. Presenting on 6/5 at We Thrive Together Advocacy Wednesday
  - c. Advocacy Talks at Ravenna HS, 2 classes – 21 students total
  - d. OSDA Regional Meeting March 8th
  - e. Project STIR in Portage April 10-12<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Special Olympics:**
- a. Cardio Drumming: 2 held in February on 2/13 & 2/28
  - b. Hike Club: Winter hike 2/29 @ 4:30pm
  - c. Winter Season: Basketball – 15 athletes participating on Team, 13 on game roster, Record 6-3, Skills-8 Athletes competed at Regionals – all medaled, Gold or Silver, Cheer – 17 Athletes, 2/11 Tuscarawas Cheer Invite, Swim-8 Athletes competed at Regionals. Winter Games 2/23 & 2/24 at BGSU, delegation of 37 going: 27 Athletes, 5 coaches, 4 chaperones and head of delegation
  - d. Winter Wellness 2/8-4/8 – 8 weeks of physical and mindfulness activities. Open to all!
  - e. Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest on 1/13/24, 31 Participants
  - f. Acme Community Cashback through 2/15/24, 2024 Polar Plunge Event on March 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30-6:30pm at HDS. Donate at: <https://give.soo.org/team/539775>
- 4. Community Employment- 2023 Year in Review:**
- a. Partnering with SHRM and ConxusNEO to host meetings at Portage DD
  - b. Portage Development Board speaker series on employing people with barriers on 3/26
  - c. Transportation Fair 4/11/24
  - d. Hiring Event 4/25/24
- 5. Nursing**
- a. Now offering: Hands Only CPR program with portable mannequin for persons served and/or their families

***Service and Support Administration:*** George Winsen, Director

-We are already preparing for Accreditation which is in July this year and we are having MEORC coming in to complete a mock Accreditation and review our files. We feel this will best prepare us for this review and give us time to make any recommended changes. Results will be reviewed and guide us to a successful Accreditation.

- We are in the process of reviewing our Intake Process and putting in new procedures for this area.

- We are continuing to see improvement and activity with our Provider Portal system. We continue to update this system as we gather data and input from our providers and staff. We also recently have a new option inside of our Brittco software program as well now so we are evaluating this as well. We met on this and will wait to contact other County Boards currently using this format for feedback.

-SSA Trainings – The SSA department training this month on Medicaid Trusts and Computer Training.

-The Youth Respite House on First Ave. is going well. We have had several overnight respites at the home and look forward to many more coming. We continue to work with JFS to better serve Youth in Crisis in Portage County. We potentially have some possible new placements to consider for the First Ave. home. We have one Youth that came in this month as an emergency and we are working with JFS to determine future services.

- The Youth Respite Facility program is running, and it is a very successful program. Many children are attending now and having wonderful experiences in the facility based program.
- PCBDD continues to be a leader in the State for Remote Support and Assistive technology. Envisage and our own Technology Department has been helping with this project. We now have possession of our demo apartment, and we have set up equipment and technology at the home. This will help us demo Remote Supports and Assistive Technology. The State continues to express the importance of these services moving forward and they are establishing benchmarks for other counties to meet.
- Continue to provide Provider Support for Billing issues and training. Training is scheduled for 2024 and individual sessions are also held with providers. This service has proven to be invaluable for providers and the Board.
- Continue to schedule ongoing meetings with Portage County JFS and MHRB leadership to improve joint services we provide to Individuals and families. We met this month and discussed several complex cases and the opening of a new home by JFS for Youth.
- Continuing DocuWare active file scanning. We now have 8 complete caseloads scanned in they system. SSA Training is taking place to ensure the SSAs are able to access all their files. We eventually will be working toward a fully paperless operation in the future and moving toward drop in stations at the offices.
- Portage DD Resource List is current and has been extremely valuable for our SSAs
- We have reviewed the applicants for the open SSA position and will be holding interviews this month.

*Children's Services:* Alicia Hall, Director

## **HAPPY DAY SCHOOL**

### **EARLY INTERVENTION**

#### **Mock Accreditation REVIEW with Early Intervention/ Title XX Completed 2/16/24**

- Positive reviews-Gave tips on what other counties had citations on-PWNs Signatures, Overservice, Outcomes
- Vince Valerio, the Educational Services Manager is conducting shadow visits with all EI Staff. Visits have completed with 2 Developmental Specialists and 2 therapists (1OT&1SLP).
- Vince Valerio also attended a meeting with school districts, Help Me Grow, and Head Start to update the EI Interagency Agreement.
- Lifeguard has been secured for a new program called Aquatic Splash that will be available on Monday Nights from 6 to 7:30

- Early Intervention forms continue to be reviewed and updated through the Tech Dept.
- Management Evaluations in the Children Services Dept are complete now.

**DISTRICT ➤ OUTREACH**

- New Building Independence classes are off to a good start. Southeast still independently participating in some volunteer work and a few other of Tiffany's events.
- Met with a transition age group from Aurora Schools last week who may start utilizing our facilities.
- More equipment loaned to Ravenna Schools.
- Repair work to sensory space (Thanks to Maintenance Director Tom Byich and his talented maintenance staff member Nick Novak)!
- Meeting next Wednesday with Streetsboro about an inclusive field day they are planning. May loop Colleen Brown in after the meeting-potential good tie-in with Special Olympics.
- Starting to schedule annual school district CPIs for August.
- Vince Valerio completed Project DAWN training which is in a Train the Trainer format and Vince will have any EI Staff that wants to receive Narcan Training do so. The staff member will receive Narcan and may choose to help those in need.

**Secondary Transition**

In the Classrooms-Tim Torch came to take pictures of the winning t-shirt design class!

*“Congratulations FIELD!!!*

- EXPLORERS had transportation training in January and took a trolley ride.  
Tara from OOD joined us on our tour & met with families about the summer work program
  - The Explorers are joining us at the libraries in February to create art for the art show.

**Recap of Personnel Actions for December2023:**

As of January there were 89 employees including seven (7) intermittent positions and no vacancies

**Positions Added/Abolished:**

Service & Support Administrator, 240 days, 7.5 hrs/day (Service & Support Administration March 1, 2024

**Job Postings/Vacancies:**

- Substitute Lifeguard (Happy Day Services)
- Substitute Vehicle Operator (Transportation), November 18, 2020 until filled, Vacant
- Service & Support Administrator, 240 days, 7.5 hrs/day (Service & Support Administration)

**Supplemental Positions:**

All supplemental Special Olympics coaching positions for 2023-2025

**New Hires:**

Richard Debolt, Jr.    Substitute Custodian  
Darlene Petty        Substitute Typist 2

**Promotions/Transfers:****Reclassifications:****Additional Assignments:****Supplemental Agreements:****Separations:****Retirements:**

January 2024 Enrollment Report with enrollment of 1,162 people served.

Superintendent report was sent via e-mail to Board. The report is included herein:

1. HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds- We ran into some issues when we found out we do have to put the ½ mile accessible walking path out to competitive bidding, thus why we have the resolution in the board packet. This will slow the process and we had to hire a civil engineer to get the specifications to complete the project, so we can put it in the paper for competitive bidding. Still hoping to complete that in the spring.
2. Accessibility and Inclusion Grant- We have had 5 applications and we have awarded 4 of the 5 and are meeting on the other application soon. We are assisting with Aurora City Schools elementary inclusive playground. Windham Schools will be two new communication board for their playground. Crestwood is a new start up t shirt business for transition students. Garrettsville-Hiram Rotary Club is installing an accessible walking path. The latest application is from Garrettsville schools to install and ADA bathroom.
3. Akron Rotary summer camp. It appears we will have a 7-week summer camp starting June 10<sup>th</sup> and finishing August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are going to increase from 42 campers a week to 48 campers a week since last year went well. All the same safeguards we put in place last year will happen again this year. New director that we are working with but are optimistic that won't be a barrier. One concern we are working on is a \$60.00 increase per camper per week. Most years it is \$10.00 to \$15.00 increase. Waiting on clarification as to why the bigger increase.
4. Mock Accreditation- MEORC (The Mid-East Ohio Regional Council) did a mock accreditation Feb 14<sup>th</sup>-Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to prepare us for the DODD accreditation in July.
5. Probate Court- We had an emergency happen where an adult had to be removed by Probate Court due to a mother/guardian's medical issue. We are going to work with the prosecutor's office and Probate Court to come up with an agreed upon process/guidelines. Meeting will be

set for next month.

The President announced the next regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

The President asked if any other business needed to come before the Board. There being none, he called for a motion for adjournment at 6:15 pm.

Motion by T. Grist

Second by T. Moran

Motion carried by voice vote.

### **I N F O R M A T I O N**

**L.E.A.P Self-Advocacy Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Reed Memorial Library (Jenkins Room) – 167 East Main Street Ravenna, 44266

#### **Special Olympics**

##### **Cheer**

2/11 — Tuscarawas Cheer Invite Time: 12:30pm

Location: Strasburg High School – 140 N. Bodmer Ave, Strasburg, 44680

#### **Winter State Games** - 2/23 – 2/24

Basketball Skills, Cheer, and Swim

Location: Bowling Green University

#### **Cardio Drumming**

2/28 6:00pm Happy Day Services – register by emailing [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org)

#### **Hike Club**

2/29 4:30pm Dix Park Location: 7318 OH-44, Ravenna, 44266

#### **Special Olympics Fundraisers**

3/1 5:00pm - 2024 Polar Plunge - Join our team and/or donate

<https://give.soo.org/team/539775>

Come dunk our plungers! \$1 a ball or \$10 for a definite dunk!

Location: Happy Day Services – 2500 Brady Lake Rd. Ravenna, 44266

#### **Save the Date!**

4/13/24 11:30am – 2:00pm 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Special Olympics Bowling Invitational

Location: Spins Bowl Kent – 2245 OH-59 Kent, 44240

**DD Pride Month Activities**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kent Free Library (312 W. Main St. Kent) 5:30pm-8:30pm Drop-in, no reservation required

**Special Olympics Polar Plunge March 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30pm – 6:30 Location: Happy Day Services 2500 Brady Lake Road, Ravenna, OH 44266**

Join the Portage Thunder Chill Squad as they Plunge Your Way and enjoy social time and food! Visit our fundraising page <https://give.soo.org/team/539775>  
Contact Colleen Brown by email at [colleenb@portagedd.org](mailto:colleenb@portagedd.org)

**ART NIGHT March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Portage DD Happy Day Services, 2500 Brady Lake Road, Ravenna 5:00pm-7:00pm Pizza provided, **Registration required:** [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org)

**Movie Nights at Ravenna & Theatre**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – 6pm “Kung Fu Panda 4”  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>** - 6pm “The Peanut Butter Falcon”

215 W. Cedar Avenue, Ravenna. Movie, 12 oz. drink and boxed popcorn at no cost to persons served by Portage DD and up to three guests. **RSVP required** to [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org) or by calling 330-296-2839 ext. 3148, when registering please provide name of person served, number of guest and a contact number.

**Do Not Contact the Theater.****Special Olympics Showcase at KSU Women’s Basketball Game March**

**6<sup>th</sup>- 7pm** @ KSU MAC Center, 1025 Risman Drive, Kent, OH 44242 General Admission

*Tickets - \$5 Special Olympic athletes receive free tickets for them and 1 guest.*

**Registration for athletes required by March 1st!** Additional tickets can be purchased before game day at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/KsuPDD> or at the door. Contact Colleen Brown by email at [colleenb@portagedd.org](mailto:colleenb@portagedd.org)

**OSDA Regional Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12:45pm Location:

Happy Day Services 2500 Brady Lake Rd. Ravenna, 44266 Registration required : email [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org) or call 330-296-2839 ext. 3148

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Spins Bowl Kent (2245 State Rt 59 Kent) 12:30pm-4:30pm Activities available: Bowling, Karaoke and \$5 arcade card (for persons served or eligible for services only). Bowling (2 game limit) open to person served or eligible for services and 3 guests. **Registration required to bowl:** [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org) Lane times available: 1pm or 2:30pm (limit one time slot) on a first come basis. Please indicate desired time.

**Community Game Night March 12<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm – 7:30pm Location: 250 W. Main St. Ravenna, 44266**

Join us for fun playing games provided by Battlegrounds Game Center. Drop in anytime during the event to take a turn playing various games or come to watch others play and enjoy some conversation. Great opportunity to get to know others in our community! Lite refreshments provided.

**DD Awareness/Pride Rally March 15<sup>th</sup> 10am** Downtown Ravenna in front of Courthouse (Inclement Weather Make-

up March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Hike Club** March 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm Trail Lake Park Osprey Loop , 605 Ravenna Road Streetsboro OH 44241 This ADA asphalt paved accessible loop trail circles the beautiful lake and goes through majestic mixed woodlands and meadows. 1.62 miles

**LIMITLESS ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AND SALE**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**-North Water Brewing Company, 101 E. Crain Avenue, Kent 4:30pm-8pm Free and open to the public, lite refreshments provided

**Cardio Drumming** March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Happy Day Services 2500 Brady Lake Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266  
Join us for an exercise for all abilities. Sit or stand using drumsticks on fitness balls with upbeat music, drumming, and body movements that creates a dynamic and effective mental and physical workout. **Spots are limited! RSVP required** to [events@portagedd.org](mailto:events@portagedd.org) or by calling 330-296-2839 ext. 3148.

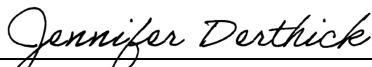
**ROCK-ABILITY CONCERT**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Portage DD Happy Day School (2500 Brady Lake Road Ravenna) Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. Free and open to the public. Band Merchandise and Artwork for sale. Refreshments available for purchase – cash only

Check out the Portage DD Facebook page access for above events and for updates and other events!

<https://www.facebook.com/PortageSpecialOlympics>

Respectfully Submitted,



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