

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT
April 2018

At least once each year the county board is required to prepare a strategic plan progress report and make this report, as well as its strategic plan, readily available to individuals and families who receive services, employees of the county board, citizens of the county, and any other interested persons. The county board must also have a mechanism for accepting public feedback regarding the strategic plan and progress reports. Beginning in 2015, the county board was required to develop a strategic plan that meets specific requirements in the Ohio Revised Code, include its mission and vision, and address the Board's strategy for: promoting self-advocacy by individuals served by the county board; ensuring that individuals receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs; reducing the number of individuals in the county waiting for services; increasing the number of individuals of working age engaged in community employment; taking measures to recruit sufficient providers of services to meet the needs of individuals receiving services in the county; and meeting with each newly certified independent provider within sixty days of the provider being selected to provide services to an individual.

The enclosed summary highlights accomplishments and progress achieved during the past year. Each year the Board develops an annual budget allocating available resources to required, and as funding permits, discretionary programs. The Board faced considerable challenges in 2017 due to the increase in waiver funded services (increasing local match). Careful planning and budgeting will continue to be a priority, as funding is greatly impacted by the national and statewide systems change currently underway. The Board looks forward to what already has proven to be another exciting yet challenging year in 2018.

We hope you find the information in this summary helpful in understanding the goals pursued to continually enhance and improve the supports to individuals and families eligible for services. Please feel welcome to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this progress report, our strategic plan, or our agency. I can be reached by phone at 419-947-9222 or by email at nfoglesong@whetstoneserves.com

In service,

Nancy Foglesong
Superintendent

2017 Accomplishments and Progress Highlights For 2017 Goals

Goal 1: Strengthen public awareness and communicate state and federal changes **Accomplishments and Progress:**

- Participated in Kiwanis including the Touch-a-Truck event by having a wheelchair accessible van at the event; Aktion Club also assisted with refreshments
- Hosted Supported Decision Making event featuring Jonathan Martinis
- Sharing information at the Tomorrow Center partners' meeting
- Quarterly updates at County Commissioners' (public) meetings
- Participated and presented at the Morrow County Townships' quarterly meetings
- Participated in the Chamber of Commerce noon lunch meetings (and served on the Chamber board)
- Participated in the Family & Children First Council meetings (served on council)
- Participated in the Morrow Community Services meetings
- Participated in the Business Women of Morrow County
- Attended Advisory Board meetings for Jobs and Family Services (served as board member)
- Presentations for the Democratic women of Morrow County
- DD awareness activities, including meeting with the County Commissioners and the Mayor of Mt. Gilead
- Coordinated live broadcasts from the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College of annual training required for guardians
- Presentation of program's history and current activities to the Morrow County Genealogical Society
- STABLE Account Presentation
- Participated in Morrow County Community Health Assessment process and in development of Morrow County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- Participated in Tomorrow Center Open House and Community Resources Fair
- Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) quarterly meetings
- North Central Crime Victims Continuing Education and Networking Opportunities
- Victim Rights training through the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center
- Joint participation/support of the annual Hospice Dinner and auction

Goal 2: Manage existing and seek new funding sources to reduce waiting lists

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Completed 10-Year Cash Projection for use in long term budget planning and sustainability
- Received four state-funded Individual Options Waivers
- Formed internal Medicaid Utilization and Planning committee that meets monthly to review waiver spending
- Collaborated with Morrow County's FCFC to maximize resources, for example the Engage grant, and to ensure all available resources are considered to meet the needs of children and their families
- Collaborate with other counties to share services through the Clearwater Council of Governments
- Collaborated with Mental Health and DODD boards of adjacent counties to receive grants for multi-system youth

Goal 3: Encourage and empower individuals to speak for themselves and increase independence

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Aktion Club members attended annual Aktion Club convention as well as annual Kiwanis District Convention and Mid-Year Education Day
- Partnership with Recovery works for computer training
- Recreated curriculum for Project STIR with other counties
- Human Trafficking Training
- Participated in Implementing a Good Life Self-Advocacy Academy
- Assisted other counties in making their advocacy group stronger
- Attended Transitional Boot Camp (Hancock County)
- Special Education Law and Advocacy
- Presented at the DSP (Direct Service Providers) Conference
- OASDP/DODD Trainings
- Guardianship Trainings
- Charting the Life Course with Barb Sapharas
- Legislative Advocacy Day at the Bixby Skills Center
- Ensured required WIOA transitional/vocational counseling was completed
- Networked with other self-advocacy groups
- Self-advocates served on Whetstone Industries' and the MCBDD boards
- Attended/participated in statewide and regional Project STIR meetings/events
- Encouraged more self-advocates to complete Project STIR locally, and becoming statewide trainers
- Post and review information about self-advocacy and self-determination on dedicated bulletin board
- Distribute and review literature (pamphlet) twice a year about self-advocacy and self-determination

- Attended/participated in state/regional self-determination trainings, meetings and events
- Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse
- “Day of Celebration and Advocacy” – 50th Anniversary Celebration of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities at the Ohio Statehouse

Goal 4: Provide more quality of life opportunities for individuals through community provider options

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Clearwater COG Provider Forums (served on the steering and sub-committees)
- Hosted and facilitated quarterly provider meetings
- Individuals attended job fairs in Crawford and Marion counties
- Produced and shared with providers a Community Happenings monthly “calendar”

Goal 5: Strengthen and enhance relationships to better serve children

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Provided meeting space weekly for Help Me Grow “Grow with Me Connections” group
- Attended parents’ support groups
- Attended Family and Children First Council meetings (served as council member)
- Attended Jobs and Family Services Advisory board meetings (served as board member)
- Attended Community Service meetings
- Provided technical assistance, referral and other information to special education coordinators and/or teachers in all four county school districts
- Developed relationships with OOD counselors to better serve transition age students
- Collaborated with the Morrow County Health Department and Jobs and Family Services to provide Help Me Grow services
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- Collaborated with mental health and DODD boards of adjacent counties to receive grants for multi-system youth
- Received training in Career Advising and Ohio Means Jobs
- Assisted with Northmor 8th Grade Reality Store
- Visited Hancock County Transition Camp in preparation to provide something similar here in 2018
- Participated in Tri-Rivers Focus Group
- Attended Joint meetings with OOD Transitions Counselor and special education representatives at each school district (3 of 4 school districts)

Goal 6: Develop partnerships to increase opportunities for community integration and employment
Accomplishments and Progress:

- Participated/ volunteered in Pioneer Career and Tech Center “Give Back to the Community Day”
- Cardington Yutaka partnership to “give back to the community”
- Meals on Wheels
- Woodside Manor
- Seniors on Center
- Quilting Club (Snuggled in Hope Quilts for Flying Horse Farms)
- The Mt.Gilead library
- The Selover library
- Morrow County Community Center chili cook-off
- Mt. Gilead Christmas parade
- Morrow County Fair
- Morrow County Sweet Corn Festival/Copycats performed
- Hosted guardianship trainings
- Sherriff Hinton spoke with the Aktion Club and People First
- Recovery Works partnership to provide computer instruction
- Don’t Be Scared Bears dedication to local First Responders
- Sheriff Department
- EMS
- Mount Gilead Police Department
- Fire Department
- Buckeye Health Networking
- Bath Bash (Humane Society)
- Photos with Easter Bunny (Humane Society)
- Photos with Santa (Humane Society)
- Rabies and Micro-chip Clinic (Humane Society)
- Rummage sale (Humane Society)
- Cardington Yutaka Day of Volunteering
- Golf outing (Humane Society)
- Chamber Golf Outing
- Recovery Works (Cova)
- OSU Extension Office Morrow County
- Morrow County Chamber
- Job fair in Bucyrus and in Marion
- Enterprise Baptist Automotive Ministries
- Flying Horse Farms
- Morrow County Community Center
- Morrow County Fair Board
- United Way
- Morrow Manor
- National Guard Unit 371st STB

Goal 7: Provide more meaningful and diverse opportunities for adults
Accomplishments and Progress:

- Sensory programming options
- Senior programming options
- Community Integrated programming options
- Custodial training
- Partnership with Employment First to provide Individual Employment Plan and provider services
- Adult Day programming
- Vocational Habilitation training
- Career Counseling with OOD
- Self-advocacy and Self-determination program options
- “Don’t be scared Bears” for local Police, Fire, Ems, and Sherriff Departments
- Touch a truck
- Road Cleanup
- Candy Dishes to local Businesses of “Integration is Sweet”
- Morrow Manor
- Mount Gilead Concession Stand (Athletic Boosters)
- Track meet runners for Cardington High School
- Volunteering with Cardington Yutaka
- Collection of paper towels “Flying Horse Farms”
- Collection of items for Humane Society and Dog Shelter
- Computer Classes through Recovery Works (Cova)
- Nutrition classes taught
- Meals on Wheels
- Scare Crow Contest

BOARD APPROVED: 4/17/2018