

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT
March 2017

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 2016 due to the payment to the State for deferred expenses (waiver match and state fees.) The deferment was necessary to continue minimal services in 2014, pending the receipt of the additional local funding from the passage of a levy in May 2014. 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 2017.

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

2016 Accomplishments and Progress Highlights For 2016 Goals

Goal 1: Strengthen public awareness and communicate state and federal changes

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Quarterly updates at County Commissioners' (public) meetings
- Participated and presented at the Morrow County Townships' quarterly meetings
- Developed and strengthened working relationships with Morrow County Prosecuting Attorney, Cardington and Mount Gilead Police Departments, and Morrow County Sheriff's office
- Participated in the Chamber of Commerce noon lunch meetings (and serve on the Chamber board)
- Served on the FCFC Board (currently as President)
- Participated in the Morrow Community Services meetings
- Participated in Kiwanis
- Participated in the Business Women of Morrow County (served as officer)
- Participated in the Tomorrow Center Advisory Council and Marion Technical College Advisory Boards to discuss changes
- Speaking engagements with the Democratic Women's Group
- Served on the JFS Advisory Board
- Coordinated live broadcasts from the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College of annual training required for guardians

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

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Secured an Early Intervention grant and developed plans to sustain services and supports
- Utilized remote technology to provide access to EI services and maximize EI grant funding
- Collaborated with Morrow County's FCFC to pursue and maximize grant funding, 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

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

Accomplishments and Progress:

- "Voices of Independent People" newsletter development and distribution
- Participated in Community Safety training – one individual will be a statewide instructor
- Ensured required WIOA transitional/vocational counseling was completed
- Networked with other self-advocacy groups
- Individuals served on Whetstone Industries' and the MCBDD boards
- One individual participated in DD Council
- Three individuals hired as Liaisons for the Clearwater Council of Government

- Attended/participated in statewide and regional Project Stir meetings/events
- Encouraged more self-advocates to complete Project Stir locally, and becoming statewide trainers
- Attended/participated in state/regional self-determination trainings, meetings and events
- The Good Life – one individual completed the facilitator training
- Met with public officials: state representatives, Commissioners and Mayor; participated in the annual statehouse activities
- Ethics and Diversity presentations at Marion Technical College (Human Social Services and Criminal Justice classes)
- Presentations at Tiffin University by a self-advocate team
- Mt. Gilead Christian School/Daisy Troop – disability awareness presentation
- Presentation at Synergy
- Self-advocates completed ethics training provided by DODD
- Participated in “Find Your Passion” presentation at Direct Support Professionals Conference
- Completed the “Road to Work” training by OSDA/DODD
- Provided Do the R.I.G.H.T. Thing training to all direct support professionals employed by the county board
- Presentations to Morrow County Head Start classrooms
- “Open forums” facilitated by Clearwater COG staff to encourage discussion, exploration and discovery
- Presentation at the Tomorrow Center
- Employment First Community Safety training

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

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Joint participation/support of the annual Hospice Dinner and auction
- Joint participation/support of the annual Relay for Life (locally sponsoring a Hula Hoop Hop)
- Bridges out of Poverty training (facilitated by Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission and United Way of Morrow County)
- Community Health Assessment meetings (facilitated by Morrow County Health Dept)
- Joined the Morrow County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
- Participated in the first and ongoing Clearwater COG provider forums (serving on the steering committee)
- Hosted and facilitated quarterly provider meetings
- Produced and shared with providers a Community Happenings monthly “calendar”

Goal 5: Strengthen and enhance relationships to better serve children

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Participated (and serve as President) in Morrow County’s FCFC
- Worked with FCFC in expanding the Engage grant opportunities in Morrow County
- Participated in the Fall Festival (for children and families) hosted by the Morrow County Child Care (Galion Y)

- 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
- Served on the Jobs and Family Services Advisory Board
- Attended parent support group meetings

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

Accomplishments and Progress:

- Aktion Club (Kiwanis)
- Chester Arbor Gleaners
- Enterprise Baptist Automotive Ministries
- Flying Horse Farms
- Jobs and Family Services
- Marion Technical College and Advisory Board for Human Social Services, Ethics and Diversity, and Criminal Justice
- Morrow County Community Center
- Morrow County Fair Board
- Morrow County Hospice
- Morrow County Humane Society
- Morrow County Chamber of Commerce
- Morrow Manor
- National Guard Unit 371st STB
- Pioneer Career and Tech Center
- Quilting Club
- Selover Library
- Seniors on Center
- United Way
- Woodside Village

Goal 7: Provide more meaningful and diverse opportunities for adults

Accomplishments and Progress:

- An automotive enthusiast volunteered with the Edison Baptist Automotive ministries
- 4 WI Seniors volunteered with other quilters (Morrow County Quilters Guild) to create and provide quilts (Snuggled in Hope) for youths attending the Flying Horse program
- 3 WI seniors volunteered to help collate and fold Morrow County Senior newsletters
- A WI volunteer assisted with birthday celebrations at Morrow Manor
- Senior Buddy program – visited and provided small gifts to Morrow area seniors
- Community Bible study
- Volunteers created a float and participate in holiday parade
- Volunteered with the Humane Society
- Participated/ volunteered in Pioneer Career and Tech Center “Give Back to the Community Day”.

- Volunteered in the “Hearts for Hospice” event
- Book Club
- Morrow County Senior Day
- Public library weekly visits for 2 avid book lovers
- Lowe Volk nature park activities
- Kingwood Center activities
- Seniors-on-Center luncheons
- Senior Hair Salon
- Mount Gilead State Park activities
- Volunteered/participated in events at local festivals: Sweet Corn Festival, Bratwurst Festival, and the Cardington Street Fair
- United Way volunteer program
- Computer training at the public library
- Adult coloring programs at library
- Circle P horse rescue
- Earth day at the ECO center
- Morrow County Fair
- JFK Dinner
- Partnered with Kroger Mt. Gilead in a community support activity
- Senior activities and potluck at the Selover Library
- Copy Cat community performances
- Bell Choir community performances
- Union Station train exploration – Hocking Valley Scenic Railway activities
- Game Days at Morrow Manor
- Attended Renaissance theatre performance
- Attended Shopworks Theatre performances
- Woodside Village Bible Study
- Honor Veterans program
- COSI “explorations”
- Columbus Zoo lights
- Morrow County Association of Business Women Christmas dinner and auction
- Volunteered with Chester Arbor Gleaners for Meals on Wheels
- Shopping for Soldiers program
- Partner with National Guard to “Bring Christmas to the Troops”
- Fundraising project to donate a “thank you gift” to the local police force
- Attend WWE wrestling event
- Attend civic conventions: Kiwanis/Aktion Club
- Attend job fairs at Marion Technical College and Tri-Rivers Vocational School
- Attended the Kiwanis Mid-Year Educational Day
- Mt. Gilead food concessions volunteer activities
- Volunteered at Cardington school’s athletic events
- Aktion club service projects: children’s backpacks for JFS and children’s activity bags for the hospital
- Edison Enterprise Baptist Church volunteer activities

BOARD APPROVED: 4/25/2017