

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD)
2017 3.5 Mill Renewal Levy Proposal
HSLRC Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2017

The Human Services Levy Review Committee (HSLRC) meeting was called to order by Jesse Hemphill on May 04, 2017 @ 3:09 pm.

ROLL CALL

HSLRC members present: Jesse Hemphill, Denise Bronson and Zak Talarek.

HSLRC members absent: Jim Bowman, Jean Carter Ryan, Nathan Wymer and Jerry Friedman

Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Heidi Hallas and Garrett Crane.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hemphill: So we're going to suspend the approval of the minutes until the next meeting and the next item on our agenda is the levy report discussion.

HSLRC FCBDD levy report discussion

Mr. Hemphill: Heidi, you did send some handouts a few days ago of your progress and drafting of the report.

Ms. Hallas: I did.

Mr. Hemphill: I would assume that's going to be the major discussion regarding the levy report.

Ms. Hallas: It is. So if you have comments, Denise shared a few with me before, just minor edits, so if you guys have some feedback let me know. I informed the folks who let me know that they couldn't attend, that they could send me their edits by May 19, 2017 so that I can get them into the final draft. So we'll have a tight draft at our final meeting on June 1, 2017. Zak did you have anything else?

Mr. Talarek: Aside from a couple minor edits, I think we talked about a little, but nothing major. I think we talked about flushing out the programmatic recommendations with a more narrative, but I think that captured everything that was discussed at the last meeting.

Dr. Bronson: Is that what you're talking about that discusses the Ohio Works First Initiative.

Mr. Talarek and Ms. Hallas: Yes. It's on page 18 and 19.

Dr. Bronson: I assume that just meant that you were going to filled that in.

Ms. Hallas: Yes, note to self. In my email that I sent, I mentioned that this section was kind of under construction. I took the notes that I had and started drafting. Honestly I ran out of time, that's always the most difficult to write everything out. Plus I like to capture the feedback from you guys to develop those as well. It will be under those major themes.

Mr. Hemphill: I didn't have any comments, but I will follow your suggestion about sending any drafts or comments will have or may have before the June 19, 2017 deadline.

Ms. Hallas: For May 19, 2017.

Mr. Hemphill: I'm sorry.

Ms. Hallas: That's ok. We only have one (1) meeting left and it's difficult I think when I get a ton of edits and you voting at the same time. I think it will be better if I could get everyone's feedback in advance if sending out that final draft, so that our last meeting it's kind of just minor things, so that you can vote and know what you're voting on. I told Jerry, Jim and Jean, please if there's stuff that you like to add or anything you found, May 19, 2017 would be best so that I can get it into that final draft.

Mr. Hemphill: I commend you on getting this far with the edits that we've made to the timeline, so I think you've done a good job.

Ms. Hallas: Thank you. It's been busy in OMB, new budget systems, not fun (Laughter). A whole new one, still being built, good times (Laughter).

Mr. Talarek: Always good times (Laughter).

Dr. Bronson: It keeps your brain active.

Ms. Hallas: It does.

Dr. Bronson: I thought this looked really good. I read through and I thought the recommendations were consistent with our discussions and our conversations and I didn't have anything.

Ms. Hallas: Ok

Mr. Hemphill: I think we're off to a good start, giving this particular agency that we're looking at and I'm pleased with the progress and pleased with the amendments to the timeline that we initially had when we started.

COMMITTEE'S OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Hallas: Ok. The next item after the levy report is just tightening up the recommendations. But if you have no specific feedback at this point, obviously when I send the next draft I'll have it more complete on page 18 and 19 and then you can also review that more closely and let me know. That will be the more major changes in that section. Any feedback I get back from Jerry, or whomever, I'll make sure to put that in.

Mr. Hemphill: I think we're not waiting on any additional information from the agency at all?

Ms. Hallas: Nope, we've gotten everything we need from them. They've been very cooperative. Well they gave it most up front and that was helpful.

Dr. Bronson: This has been the easiest one I can ever remember.

Mr. Hemphill: I agree.

Dr. Bronson: I think they should be commended for giving us materials that were well put together in the beginning and then responding quickly and thoroughly to any questions we had. They've made it easy.

Ms. Hallas: I've definitely given feedback around that when we talked. The last time we were over there, when we were leaving the room we didn't just want to leave it open. We touched based with Jed and said that the committee really appreciates their work on it.

Dr. Bronson: Well you should get some pats on the back too. Because I really think you've worked with the agencies to help them understand how to do this. All the way through it, I think you've really trained them up in terms of how to give us the materials that we need, so you should get a pat on the back for all of that work.

Ms. Hallas: Thank you. I can't say that all agencies are open to it, but they have been.

Dr. Bronson: They should be.

Ms. Hallas: I would think it would make it easier up front.

Mr. Talarek: This might be a good example too of BDD followed the check list and went through the process smoothly. Agencies that haven't, haven't been so fortunate.

Ms. Hallas: A lot more bumpy. And good news on the Aging levy of course.

Dr. Bronson: Oh my gosh, yes. What did it finally end up at?

Ms. Hallas: 84?

Mr. Talarek: Just under 84.

Dr. Bronson: That's what I heard too.

Mr. Talarek: With Provisional's may be up to 85.

Dr. Bronson: That's a pretty successful request.

Ms. Hallas: Absolutely.

Mr. Hemphill: Of the levy support agencies, is the Board the biggest funding wise?

Ms. Hallas: The Board of Developmental Disabilities is by far, yes.

Mr. Hemphill: Ok.

Ms. Hallas: Children's Services might be catching up soon, unfortunately right?

Mr. Talarek: I think unlike Developmental Disabilities, a lot of funding federal funding actually also flows through Children's Services budget as oppose to Developmental Disabilities or some of the Medicaid waives kind of go to directly to the providers and not to their budgets. I think an overall budget is about 200 million compared to about 250 million for BDD. Their millage, I think they're at 7 and Children's Services is at 5.

Dr. Bronson: Good memory.

NEXT STEPS-OMB

Mr. Hemphill: Under the next steps, are there any changes to the timelines that you've indicated here?

Ms. Hallas: No, my goal is to get this get this final report to everyone on the May 26, 2017, and then we'll meet on June 1, 2017.

Dr. Bronson: If we're not going to vote until then, can I vote ahead of time or call in and vote?

Ms. Hallas: I don't know. You can put them in the minute's right? Because we always say, so and so felt, if you want to in this meeting. I don't know if it would count officially but at least show your support maybe in minutes if you like.

Mr. Hemphill: Certainly.

Dr. Bronson: I can even Skype.

Mr. Talarek: We can check on that.

Ms. Hallas: We've never got an official ruling on that one.

Dr. Bronson: You have to be in person present?

Ms. Hallas: You do for legislatively approved bodies.

Mr. Talarek: Yes, the Board of Commissioner. The Commissioners couldn't Skype into a meeting, or vote.

Dr. Bronson: So we're at the level of the Commissioners?

Mr. Talarek: So that's where I think we need to get clarification.

Ms. Hallas: We're not really under code.

Dr. Bronson: Well, let me know.

Ms. Hallas: I will.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Hemphill: Well with that, I want to go on record as saying this is the shortest meeting that we've had since I've been on the committee, but I'm ok with that. (Laughter)

The HSLRC will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 PM at 373 S. High St, 26th Floor, Briefing Room to finalize the levy report.

Dr. Bronson made a motion to close the HSLRC meeting and Mr. Talarek seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.