LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Approval of Minutes:
   a) Regular Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2019

4) Committee Reports:
   a) Financial Report, Donations, Volunteers
      Finance and Transportation Committee – August 19, 2019
      Resolution #0819-44 – Approving Payment of Bills, Acceptance of Donations and Personnel Actions for June and July 2019
   b) Personnel, Policy, Education and Health Committee – August 19, 2019

5) Correspondence

6) Superintendent's Report

7) Resolutions:
   #0819-45 Approving Renewal of Board Policy B-04, Staff Development Program
   #0819-46 Adopting Revision of Board Policy B-10, Drug Free Workplace
   #0819-47 Adopting Revision of Board Policy B-17, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing
   #0819-48 Approving Renewal of Board Policy B-20, Smoke Free Workplace
#0819-49  Approving Renewal of Board Policy B-21, Management Layoff Policy

#0819-50  Approving Revision of Board Policy C-01, Administrative Resolution of Complaints

#0819-51  Approving Renewal of Board Policy F-04, Broadmoor Pool

#0819-52  Approving Broadmoor School Bus Routes for the 2019-2020 School Year

#0819-53  Awarding Contract for Employee Group Health Insurance to Medical Mutual Effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

#0819-54  Approving Contract for Renovation of Bathrooms at Broadmoor School

8) Public Comment

9) Executive Session

10) Other

11) Adjournment
Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

New Avenues to Independence concluded its 5-week summer camp at Broadmoor serving three counties (Lake, Geauga and Cuyahoga) with 140 children with disabilities and around 35 of the campers were Broadmoor School Students.

For the United Way Day of Caring, the Mentor Rotary completed two projects at Broadmoor. They built simulated bus steps for teaching students to independently climb them by increasing their mobility skills. The second project was painting the Boy and Girl Pool Locker Room.

CES Career Development Manager, Chris Trombley was named Marketing Committee Chairperson for the Alliance for Working Together (AWT). AWT is organizational consortium that focuses on the benefits of manufacturing as well as manufacturing careers. Deepwood Industries/CES continue to work through AWT to promote the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities in manufacturing jobs.

On Thursday, July 25th, CES Career Development Manager, Program Director and SSA Employment Navigator attended a Hiring Event coordinated through the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County at First Energy Stadium. Over 40 employers and 100 job seekers attended this Hiring Event with the intent of providing employment opportunities for the job seekers, with the majority having disabilities.

CES and the Willoughby Branch continue to partner with the Lake County Captains to provide cleaning services at Classic Park in Eastlake. Willoughby Branch and CES individuals and staff work with each other to provide the services at Classic Park while the individuals are earning minimum wage.

The Imagine Program continues to participate in 2 volunteer activities each week throughout the summer. On Wednesdays, a small group goes to Mentor Headlands and helps with trash clean up and on Thursdays a group goes to Lake Farmpark and assists with various outdoor tasks and work in the greenhouse. These activities keep us very busy!

On Fridays, 2 individuals from Imagine began attending the Groovy Garfoose Girls’ music therapy group.

On June 21st, Imagine enjoyed a community outing with the Recreation Department at Scooters for lunch and Headlands Beach for the afternoon. On July 19th, we enjoyed an afternoon of lunch and ice cream at Dairy Queen.

Throughout the summer, our seniors from VGC have had the pleasure of visiting with an intern that has worked with them according to their interests. We also had the Day Hab Summer Bash at VGC with Broadening Abilities. It was awesome for everyone to visit with old friends, good food, and entertainment from Larry the Sax Man and the Chardon Polka Band. All of VGC recently
enjoyed a picnic lunch at Fairport Harbor Beach. We had a beautiful day with walking on the boardwalk, lunch, and some fun in the sand.

The summer months brought many good things to the table at Broadening Abilities. A vegetable garden was planted so that a salad and veggies could be enjoyed by the individuals. Sherbet ice cream was served to go along with a perfect summer day. Blueberry muffins and blueberry smoothies were enjoyed as a healthy antioxidant and yummy summer fruit. Cookies, subs sandwiches, and donuts were fun to eat with friends. Sausage biscuit and gravy brunch on the Browns opening pre-season game brought good luck to the team, relishing their win over Washington. The Staff Appreciation luncheon with Mama Roberto’s pizza and salad was a delicious treat to the staff who have worked tirelessly to make the days meaningful to individuals. Last but not least, the healthy pot luck was a tasty opportunity to enjoy salad, veggies, and yogurt pie. We have had a fun summer; but look forward to the taste of fall.

Activities and parties for Broadening Abilities include a fun summer bash with VGC starring the Chardon Polk Band and a Christmas in July extravaganza with crafts and music celebrating (and anticipating) the winter holiday. Broadening Abilities took time to pay homage to National Mutt Day by meeting a sweet pug named Ben, making a dog craft for the dogs at the Humane Society, and visiting the Humane Society to meet some furry friends. Additionally, making purple hearts as a tribute to our friends in the military was a nice gesture and way to remember the names of those that are currently served or have served. Stories were read by our good friend Pete and our ladies got down with the Groovy Garfoose.

Community trips for individuals at Broadening Abilities included a fun ride on the tram at Holden Arboretum, a visit to Gully Brook and Painesville Recreation Park. We also went shopping at the mall, got deals at the garage sales, picked up a few things at Marcs, and visited a few stores when we walked to Points East Plaza. It has been a carefree fun summer. The best thing about it – the weather.

**Departmental Program Enhancements/Updates**
School Age and LEEP students will begin the 2019 – 2020 school year on Tuesday, August 20. Preschool Orientation is being held on August 20 and 21. The first day for preschoolers is Thursday, August 22nd.

In July, Deepwood Industries created an Instagram Page to promote employment of individuals in the Adult Services employment programs and highlight relationships with Deepwood Industries employers.

The final touches on the courtyard at VGC are complete and was celebrated by an invite for all to walk through and enjoy. We had a great turnout and look forward to enjoying the beautiful area.

**Special Events**
On June 27th for the Annual Day of Caring, volunteers from Winter Equipment worked in the courtyard at the Imagine Program. Everyone is enjoying the space and it looks great.

A big thank you goes to United Way Day of Caring volunteers for the beautification project at ARC and JCDC.
On June 29th Pieces of Imagination sold dog their dog treats at the Woof, Wag, and Wine event at Grand River Cellars in Madison. It was a great day and many dog treats were sold at the event. We will be selling dog treats at the following upcoming events: Dog Days at the Lake County Captains game on August 15th, Osborne Park Market Days on August 21st from 4-7 pm, and Lake Farmpark’s Mutt Strutt event from 10-2 pm on August 25th.

The summer months of June and July were filled with many outings and activities for the ICF residents. Much of the fun included a summer luau, Wagon Trail Safari, the Butterfly Garden, the Akron Zoo, Pioneer Waterland, the Cleveland Zoo and St. Gabe’s Festival. With all of these activities, it’s hard to believe that we still had time and energy for the usual community outings and activities such as monthly birthday celebrations, church services, shopping, karaoke, bowling and dinners at local restaurants.

For everyone at VGC, summer has brought many opportunities to celebrate and enjoy the outside with cookouts, water fun days, outside activity and games, and peaceful pergola swinging in the courtyard. We continue with our other regular events of in-house bowling, various crafts, Groovy Garfoose Music Therapy, walking laps and outside walks to visit the nearby horse to name a few.

Employment First Initiative Update
Five Broadmoor students were competitively employed this summer.

Staff Development/Training
Broadmoor School held its annual Back to School Inservice Day on August 19th. The staff participated in two trainings entitled, “Adapted Technology-Make It and Take It” and “Trauma Informed Care”.

Deepwood Foundation Report to the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities August 2019
The Deepwood Foundation has had a very exciting and productive first half of 2019. To date we have dispersed over $73,000.00 in grants and assistance. We were able to help the Special Olympic Dancers achieve their dream of going to Abu Dhabi and we were also able to respond to emergency needs such as clothing and air conditioning for someone with severe asthma. In addition to providing over 25 summer camp scholarships, we purchased adaptive equipment, therapies, apps, educational materials, a wheel chair lift along with music therapy and yoga for the Imagine program. Impacting over 245 children, adults and families thus far.

We welcomed our newest Board Member, Kathleen Thompson, Controller at Clearsteed Advisors. Kathleen joins us with a wealth of financial, fund raising and leadership skills. We are extremely appreciative of her expertise and enthusiasm.

We welcome The LCARC parent group as they become a Program within the Deepwood Foundation and we applaud their years of giving to ensure that there were always community activities for the people we serve.

Events during the first half of the year included 3 Art With A Heart sessions, led by our talented Lynnmarie Landwei-Phillips; The Marcus Lantern Reverse Raffle, The Deepwood Run Breakfast, The Kentucky Derby Day – always a crowd pleaser and a Little Italy Wine Tasting in support of
the Deepwood massage program. All were successful and we remain grateful for the support of our volunteers and donors.

The Lantern Fund, a program within the Deepwood Foundation, sponsored a Special Needs Swim Night at Osborn Park, complete with a surprise visit from the ice cream truck. It was a great night as the attached pictures will show.

Moving into Fall 2019, we look forward to several events and the beginning of our strategic planning process along with our Annual Campaign. Mark your calendars for a good time at any and all of the following events:

Art With A Heart – August 21st at Tony Sacco’s @ 6:00PM
The Deepwood Run 2nd Annual Reverse Raffle – October 4th at Normandy Party Center
The Deepwood Gala – November 15th at LaMalfa

For tickets, sponsorships or additional info call the Foundation office at 440-350-5208 or 440-350-5233.

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