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DODD Update

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IN REVIEW

Monday, September 12, 2011

- In reorganizing to allow more dedicated focus on increasing access to community employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities, DODD's Division of Strategic Policy and Direction welcomed Teresa Kobelt as Community Policy Advisor. Teresa's priorities are to lead the Department's key employment initiatives, including the Department's participation in the State Employment Leadership Network ([SELN](#)). Look for more on Teresa and upcoming work with SELN in an October issue of *Pipeline*.

The rescission of two rules on the September 12th JCARR agenda were approved.

- 5123:1-5-03 (*Average Daily Membership*)
DODD rescinded this rule because division (B) of section 5126.12 of the Revised Code which required the Department to adopt rules defining full-time equivalent enrollees and for determining the average daily membership in programs and services offered by a county board of developmental disabilities was repealed by House Bill 153 of the 129th General Assembly.
- 5123:1-8-01 (*Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council Teleconference Pilot Program*)
DODD is rescinding this rule because the pilot program created by House Bill 129 of the 127th General Assembly that allowed members of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council to participate at Council meetings via teleconference or interactive video conference ceased to exist on April 7, 2011. Language found in HB153 allows the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council to establish a similar program.

Controlling Board approved the release of funds to improve the heating and air conditioning systems at Northwest Ohio Developmental Center.

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

- Director John Martin presented at the DODD Family Advisory Council meeting and led an

interactive discussion on expectations for changes in funding and structure in the DD system over the next decade. Director Martin has previously gathered similar input from County Board Superintendents, Providers and DODD staff. He hopes to summarize and share combined perspectives soon.



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