



On hand for the award presentation were (from left) Accreditation Review Manager for DODD Lisa Burt, MCBDD Board President Tonya Keaton, MCBDD Organization Services Director and local accreditation coordinator John LaCivita, and MCBDD Superintendent Jim Canney.

Accreditation 2009

Taking it to the MAX

The Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities is at the top of its game.

And now, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) agrees.

MCBDD, formerly known as the Madison County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities before a statewide name change earlier this month, received a maximum five-year accreditation from the State of Ohio. On hand to make the presentation at the October 15 Board Meeting was Lisa Burt, Review Manager for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

“Keep leading,” Burt said of the standard of excellence Madison County has set throughout the state of Ohio. “That’s what you are doing now – you’re leading the field.”

And, according to Burt, earning a five-year award puts Madison County DD in pretty exclusive company. She said, in 2009, 26 counties in Ohio have been through the Accreditation process. To date, Madison County is just the seventh one to attain the highest plateau – and one that is setting standards for the rest of the state.

“Your staff does very well to address issues for individuals,” Burt said to MCBDD Superintendent Jim Canney, County Board members and members of MCBDD management. “I’ve gone on to a few other reviews since coming here and I’ve told them, ‘Can you contact Madison County – they have a lot of great things working for them.’”

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Remembering Becky Bodi

We are all saddened by the sudden, and untimely, passing of Becky Bodi at the young age of 36. We will miss Becky’s smile and laughter, her love and compassion for others, her love of animals and her enjoyment of spending time with her friends and family. Also, Becky enjoyed everything from bowling to going to the circus to see the clowns.

Many friends and family members gathered together on November 15 to celebrate Becky’s life.

As Pam Smith stated at Becky’s Memorial Service – ‘We have another Guardian Angel watching out for us.’



Tiger Hoop Teams Ready to Begin

Madison County Tigers 2009-2010 Basketball Schedules

* Home Games and Postseason *

Home games are in the Fairhaven School Gymnasium



Division II Tigers

Monday, November 30 — 7pm against Franklin County
 Monday, December 7 — 6:15pm against Fairfield County
 Monday, December 21 — 6:30pm against Pickaway County
 Monday, January 11 — 6pm against Clark County
 Monday, February 1 — 7pm against Columbus Public
 Monday, February 15 — 7pm against Goodwill
 Thursday, February 25 — 5:30pm against Miami County

Postseason

Weekend of February 27 — First Round of the Playoffs (TBA)
 Weekend of March 6 — Second Round of the Playoffs (TBA)
 Weekend of March 26 — FINAL FOUR in Columbus



Division IV Tigers

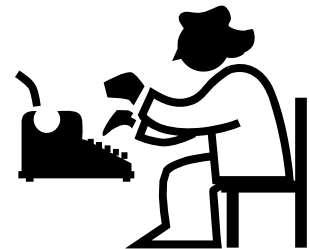
Wednesday, December 9 — 7pm against Franklin County
 Wednesday, December 16 — 6:15pm against Fairfield County
 Wednesday, January 13 — 6:30pm against Clinton County
 Wednesday, January 20 — 6pm against Fayette County
 Wednesday, February 17 — 6pm against Clark County
 Thursday, February 25 — 6:45pm against Miami County

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We are the Champions (again)

Carrying the flag of victory.

Madison County Tiger Shawn Stewart (bottom right) uses the blocking of teammate Ross Johnson for a big gain. Shawn, Ross and the rest of the Tigers recently defeated host Adriel School 38-34 to win the flag football tournament championship trophy in West Liberty. The Tigers are made up of individuals served by the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Terry McClain (top right) returns an interception in the final minute to secure the victory. He is led by Waymond Harris, who made several two-point conversion catches in the game.

Ross was also out in front of Mikal Stanley (bottom left) on a big gainer.

In addition to those already mentioned, other members of the winning Tigers are — Dawn Armatrout, Shaundra Sayre, Bryan Thompson, Bobby Higgins, John Zeeck, Chris Miller, and Paul Hiles. Lincoln Comer and Mike Mast served as coaches.



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**Madison County Board of DD
Monthly Board Update
by Betsy Dodds**

- The Regular Monthly Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Sue Mosier, and Mary Hopkins.
- The Board members and Superintendent Jim Canney received a five-year Accreditation Certificate from Lisa Burt, Review Manager, from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. It will be effective from 10/1/2009 to 9/20/2014. Lisa gave a number of excellent comments to the Board members and staff at the meeting.
- The Board approved to renew the annual membership with Madison County Family Council.
- The Board passed a Resolution regarding the name change from Madison County Board of MR/DD to Madison County Board of DD along with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.
- The Board passed a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Retail Power Sales agreement between the Madison County Board of DD and the Ohio School Council's endorsed supplier, Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC.
- The Board nominated Blaine Brockman to serve on the OACBDD Board of Trustees as an At-Large Representative for the Smallest Third Counties.
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Madison County Board of DD will be held Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the Administrative Office at 4pm

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In June, a comprehensive state review was conducted. It involved both on-site and paperwork reviews. Spearheaded by MCBDD Organization Services Director John LaCivita, the Accreditation Review process focused on a plethora of different requirements within four main areas: Health and Safety, Client Rights, Service Planning and Delivery, and Administration. MCBDD earned a near-perfect score of 98.66 out of a possible 100.

In order to be considered for the five-year award, County Boards have to submit the optional 'Areas of Excellence' paperwork. These are narrative statements that were established to chronicle a program's successes. Madison County used it as an opportunity to be proud, but also realistic – there is work still to be done.

"When you are here, you just think you are simply doing your jobs, but there is no easy way to do your jobs," Burt said, adding that she has made MCBDD's Areas of Excellence mandatory reading for her staff at the state level. "It's really easy to talk about quick wins, but you addressed tough issues and what is best for people."

The Areas of Excellence can be read online on MCBDD's website at www.co.madison.oh.us/10143/.

"You're doing it, and checking yourselves along the way," Burt said of Madison County's commitment to the highest standards. "People here make the effort to do the right thing for individuals."