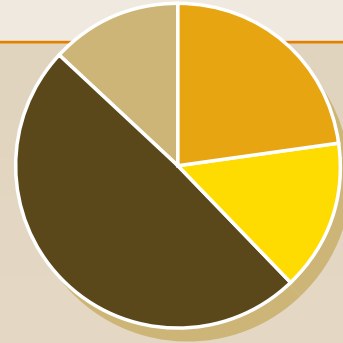


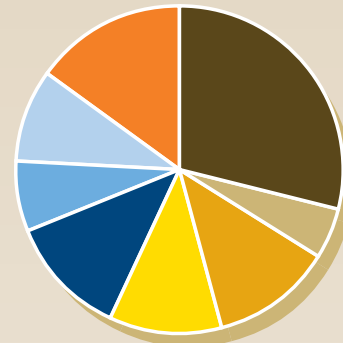
Total Expenditures decreased by 6% due to the severe budget cuts implemented effective 1/1/06 as a result of the levy failure. Budget projections predicted a deficit of \$740,000 in calendar year 2007 if these adjustments were not implemented.

2006



REVENUE

Source	Percentage	Amount
Federal	23%	\$1,832,437
State	15%	\$1,234,787
Local Levy	49%	\$3,921,980
Miscellaneous	13%	\$1,013,318
Total	100%	\$8,002,522



EXPENDITURES

Category	Percentage	Amount
Adult Services	29%	\$1,882,571
Vocational	5%	\$324,504
Children Services	12%	\$750,698
Residential/Family Resources	11%	\$711,802
Transportation	12%	\$800,087
Building Services	7%	\$484,964
Case Management	9%	\$560,744
Administrative	15%	\$979,655
Total	100%	\$6,495,025

ENROLLMENT

Category	Count
Adults ages 22 and older	237
Children ages 6-21	43
Children ages 3-5	216
Children ages 0-3	30
Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation	115
Seneca Opportunity Center Employment Services	28
County-wide Special Olympics Program (74 total - 45 already counted)	29
Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program (preventative program)	162
Marion County ARCS (Always Restrain Children Safely)	11
Total	871

Marion County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Annual Notice

All policies and procedures, including the Due Process Policy, are available to individuals being served by the Board as well as parents, guardians, and service providers. If you have questions or want to request copies of any policies or procedures, call the Marion County Board of MRDD, at (740) 387-1035. Policies are also available online, at www.marioncbmrdd.net.

Mission Statement

The Marion County Board of MRDD will form alliances with individual, family, public, and private supports, utilizing human and financial resources to provide opportunities that are sustainable and renewable for people with developmental disabilities.

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Current Board Members



Front Row (Left to Right): Karen Ream, Jeanith Ryle, Cindy Schifer (Chairperson), Katie Chivington

Back Row (Left to Right): Jerome Manuel, Dale Osborn
 Not Pictured: Don Smith

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Our Roots Run Deep



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A Message From The Superintendent

The skills of a gifted athlete are many, but the one I most admire is their ability to focus. Their ability to concentrate on the job at hand is astonishing – going to the free throw line in the waning seconds of a game in a thunderous arena, standing over a 20-foot putt on national television, or lining up for a last-second field goal takes intense focus.

I was thinking about these innate abilities last year during a particularly hectic day at the office when one of our Special Olympics athletes came into my office to show me a medal he had won. He beamed as he told me in great detail of his accomplishment.

Suddenly, the turmoil that had swirled around me all day cleared. My focus was keenly on this young man and his athletic feat. Again, as happens frequently to me, I was reminded of why I entered this business more years ago than I care to think about.

We sometimes get so distracted with our day-to-day chores that we forget to focus on the really important aspects of this job.

There is a saying popular in the south that goes, “When you’re up to your waist in alligators it’s difficult to remember that your original mission was simply to drain the swamp.”

As superintendent of the Marion County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, I frequently find myself buried in administrative alligators. For that reason, I am grateful when one of our individuals with disabilities reminds me of our little victories that we need to take time to savor.

I’m not a political animal or a bureaucrat. I have no political agenda. Simply, I will continue to do battle for what I believe are the best interests of the individuals that Marion MRDD serves. That is our very reason for existing.

We have had some trying years at Marion MRDD. Funding continues to be an issue and we are feeling the impact of some pretty substantial budget cuts. Last year, we began cutting \$8 million from our budget over the ensuing five years.

That is a tremendous hit for an agency of our size. We have had a turnover of 20 staff and 2 board members and stopped providing the critical therapy services for the early childhood intervention program.

However, we have not lost sight of our mission. I began working with people with disabilities in order to be their advocate. I fervently believe that a society is judged by how we care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The individuals who work at Marion MRDD are a dedicated group and I feel extremely privileged to have them on my staff. In 2006, Marion MRDD earned a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation and Rehabilitation Facilities. This is the gold standard for accreditation of MRDD agencies and we received one of the highest scores possible. Plain and simple, this is a tribute to these wonderful individuals.

One day – soon, I hope – I will write an annual report letter stating that we have been successful in our attempts to pass our levy and services such as therapies for the early childhood intervention program have been restored.

But, until that day comes, I will continue to provide leadership that puts individuals with disabilities at the center of our work-these individuals are first.

Lee Wedemeyer
Superintendent

January

Jeanith Ryle and Katie Chivington began their duties as the newest Board members for Marion County MRDD.

February

Wedemeyer Honored by Ohio Association

The Ohio Association of County Boards of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities honored Superintendent Lee Wedemeyer with the Kenneth Legats Lifetime Achievement Award for Visionary Leadership in Administration for his nearly three decades of service to the field of developmental disabilities.

The annual award is presented to an executive who has shown high ideals, vision and moral leadership in the administration of programs for people with developmental disabilities. Wedemeyer has been superintendent of Marion MRDD since 1991.

The award stated that Wedemeyer, “has always been a dynamic force in services for children and adults, working tirelessly in developing new and innovative service models, mentoring fellow superintendents, always willing to offer support, and challenging all to look at different perspectives.”

“It’s quite an honor,” Wedemeyer said.

March

MRDD Hosts Annual St. Pat’s Breakfast

Marion MRDD hosted its annual St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast for the benefit of the Levy Fund. The event is open to the public and costs \$5.

Special Olympics Squad Captures State Championship

The Marion County Special Olympics Hawks school age basketball team captured the Ohio Special Olympics state basketball championship in the Senior Male Division II.

“I’m really proud of the team,” said Marni Stiles, who heads up the Special Olympics program. “I told them at the beginning of the season that good things would come if they worked hard and worked together, and they did that all season.”

The Hawks defeated the Darke County Slammers 61-42 in the state championship game. Shaquille Cochran led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Cody Bennett with 16 and Jim Lambert with 12.



April

MRDD Makes Care Packages for Marion-Area Troops

Marion MRDD collected items and created Care Packages for Marion-area men and women who are serving in the United States military in Iraq and Afghanistan. A tent was set up for the collection effort and MRDD personnel passed out coffee and donuts to anyone making a contribution.



MRDD collected non-perishable food items and toiletries.

May

MRDD began holding planning meetings to place two levies on the November ballot. One would be a .5-mill Capital Renewal Levy and the other a 1.35-mill Operating Replacement Levy. Superintendent Lee Wedemeyer noted that the 1.35 replacement levy would not be new millage, but would simply replace levies passed in 1978 and 1985.

June

Special Olympians Shine at Area Games; Capture 10 Gold Medals at State Games

Ten Marion County Special Olympians captured a total of 10 gold medals at the Ohio Summer Games in Columbus.

Fifteen members of the Marion County team qualified for the state games after outstanding performances in the Area 5 Spring Games, where they won 13 first-place medals, 19 second-place medals and 13 third-place medals.

In the state games, Jessica Callahan and Dale Tiger led the Marion County team by winning two gold medals each. Also capturing individual gold were Craig Seitter, Cody Bennett, Joe Callahan and Mike Snyder. Kody Clark and Gene Mayes won gold in doubles Bocci Ball and the 4x100 meter relay team of Bennett, Callahan, Shaquille Cochran and Mickey Pyle also won gold.

July

Tony Nicolosi Participates in Special Olympics National Games

Bocci Ball ace Tony Nicolosi participated in the National Special Olympics in Ames, Iowa. He is the first national qualifier from Marion County in 11 years.

Nicolosi, 36, qualified for the national games by capturing a gold medal in Bocci Ball at the 2005 Ohio State Games.

Nicolosi also participates in Special Olympics bowling and basketball.



August

School enrollment figures were in and MRDD had a total of 269 children attending the school each day. This included 30 in the Early Intervention Program, 49 in Preschool Special Needs, 17 in Preschool, three school-age children, and 170 from Head Start.



September

The 8th Annual MARCA Golf Outing was held on September 13 on the rain-whipped course at Whetstone Golf Club. Despite the wet weather, 29 teams participated for the benefit of the campaign fund. The winning team was from Brazelle Electric.

October

Marion MRDD Hosted Candidates Tour, Luncheon

The 2006 Marion County Candidates Tour and Luncheon was hosted by Marion MRDD on Oct. 4. All candidates running for Marion County offices, including those vying for state legislative offices with jurisdictions in the county, were invited to the MRDD campus for a tour of the facilities and lunch.

“I think nearly everyone is aware that Marion MRDD occupies that campus on East Harding Highway, but it takes some effort to keep everyone informed on everything we do,” said Superintendent Lee Wedemeyer.

Marion MRDD Hosted Open Forum on Levies

Marion MRDD hosted an open forum on its two levies before going to the ballot in November. The event was open to the public and the MRDD leadership team was on hand to answer any questions about the two levy issues.

November

Marion County Voters Defeat Replacement Levy

Marion County voters passed one MRDD renewal levy, but defeated a second. A .5-mill Capital Renewal Levy was passed; the 1.35-mill Operating Replacement Levy went down.

Marion MRDD Program Protects Young Travelers

A press release featuring Marion MRDD’s Stephanie Langley, site coordinator for the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program of Marion County, reminded drivers of the importance of protecting young passengers during the holidays.

The Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program provides child safety seats to families who cannot afford them. They are distributed through Marion MRDD.



December

Marion MRDD Earns Prestigious CARF Accreditation

Marion MRDD earned a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation and Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Wedemeyer said Marion MRDD received CARF accreditation in nine areas. Those areas are: Case Management/Service Coordination; Child and Youth Services; Community Integration; Job Development; Job Supports; Job-site Training; Vocational Evaluation Services; Employee Development Services; and Organizational Employment Services.

CARF is an international accrediting commission. Accreditation by the commission represents the highest level of performance by a rehabilitative agency. Of the 189 measured standards, each of which had multiple levels of detail, there were only three recommendations for improvement.

