

Zinno Named Assistant Superintendent at JCBDD

Michael A.
Mehalik
Superintendent

STEUBENVILLE- Longtime finance director Michael Zinno has gained a new title as assistant superintendent of the Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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Zinno was recently promoted by the board and will assist with overall operations, as well as restructuring within the adult services division to meet pending Medicaid guidelines. He expressed his appreciation and said he has worked with officials to strengthen the organization during his tenure.

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“I’m proud to have been named assistant superintendent and our goal is to do our best for the clients we serve,” he said. “The board’s financial picture has improved, but it’s not only due to me. It’s because I work with the managers and superintendent. It has grown from a \$6 million to \$10 million business and strengthened our financial condition without additional support from the local tax levies.”

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Zinno, a Steubenville resident, is a graduate of Steubenville Catholic Central High School. He received his bachelor’s degree from Kent State University and a master’s degree in business administration from Franciscan University. He is a certified public accountant and previously served as comptroller at Bethany College and staff accountant at St. John Medical Center. During his nearly 17-year tenure at JCBDD, Zinno has provided financial services in addition to supervising maintenance, transportation, and information technology services.

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Superintendent Michael Mehalik credited him with improving budgetary matters and technology, plus optimizing Medicaid and federal funds for programming. Mehalik added that the restructuring will help meet mandates for adult services over the next five years and Zinno will aid in that task.

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“Mike has done an excellent job over the last 17 years ensuring that the finances for our programs have been strong, and he has taken on many additional responsibilities that have benefitted the board in many ways,” Mehalik said. “[His promotion] is part of our reorganizational plan to give some additional help to the adult services division, which needs to be redesigned for the future.”

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He explained that the JCBDD would require private providers for adult services and Zinno’s new role enables him to focus on the restructuring so the board could meet those guidelines. Moreover, his growing experience will enable him to succeed Mehalik upon the superintendent’s eventual retirement.

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“There are going to be changes, but changes can be good,” Zinno commented, adding that he is determined to help the board fulfill its mission of serving those with special needs. “I’ve worked with two great superintendents and would like to continue the seamless transition when someone leaves, especially [Mehalik], and I hope I can accomplish that.”

Transportation
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The JCBDD served 330 individuals over the past year, including 140 through adult services, 80 students at the School of Bright Promise and Regional Spectrum Center, 30 residents at Shaffer Plaza, and numerous clients, known as consumers, through case management services. Most of its consumers reside in Jefferson County but students at the School of Bright Promise and Regional Spectrum Center also hail from the Harrison County area. The board also has 135 full-time staff members and 25 part-time employees.

(Photo Cutline: Longtime financial director Michael Zinno was recently named assistant superintendent at the Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities and will aid in overall operations plus the restructuring of adult services to meet forthcoming federal guidelines. He is pictured, at left, with JCBDD Superintendent Michael Mehalik.)