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RE: Stark DD Information Sessions scheduled for November 13

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Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities Informational Sessions to Discuss 2015 Annual Goals

CANTON, OHIO – The Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities will conduct informational sessions to discuss agency changes planned in the 2015 Annual Goals. This includes the upcoming consolidation of one of its three adult workshops. The consolidation is part of the Board’s three-year plan to transform its role and redistribute its resources in order to provide more support to those in need. The Board is carefully reviewing usage and costs of its three adult workshops to make a final determination, which will be announced in January 2015. The consolidation is expected to be complete by the start of 2016.

“For several years, Stark DD has been working toward a goal of moving as many individuals as possible to employment in the community,” said Superintendent Bill Green. “We are beginning to see some success with that initiative. In addition, we are seeing people with disabilities choosing other area service providers for their day programs. As a result, we no longer have as many individuals working in our adult workshops. In response, we are now able to consolidate our facilities to fulfill our strategic plan’s goal of connecting people with the services they need, and doing it in a way that ensures those services are sustainable.”

Green added that some individuals with disabilities will want to continue working in a sheltered workshop environment, and two locations will be maintained to provide that opportunity.

Informational sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Whipple-Dale Centre, 2950 Whipple Avenue NW in Canton. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the sessions, which will provide more information on the factors contributing to the need to consolidate.

For more information about the Stark DD workshops and strategic plan, visit the website at:
www.starkdd.org.

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