

03192012 BCADAD BOARD MINUTES

March 19, 2012

The BCADAD held its bi-monthly board meeting on Monday, March 19th, 2012 at the Beaufort Office at 9:30 AM.

**Present were: Mary Johnson, Bette Goettle, Linda Hoffman, Fran Kenney, Charles Hammel,
and Chuck Najaka**

Absent: John Coaxum

Finance: No Representative present

Guest: Morris Campbell

The meeting was opened by Mary Johnson. A motion was made by Bette Goettle and seconded by Linda Hoffman to accept the Agenda as presented. Charles Hammel requested a word change in the Old Minutes and a second motion was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Fran Kenney to approve the Old Minutes and was approved by all. At this time, the meeting was then turned over to Mr. Boyne.

The Director, Mr. Boyne welcomed Mr. Morris Campbell to the meeting and then gave the Financial Report. Mr. Boyne stated that the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure sheet reflected that the revenue received through February were \$155,055 and the expenditures were at \$94,085. He stated that we are fairly close to what has previously been budgeted and that we are stable. Mr. Boyne pointed out that we have requested a new vehicle as the Department has two (2) 1996 vehicles with well over 160,000 miles on them. Repair expenses for one vehicle totaled to about \$3,000.00 and the vehicles are worth about \$1,000.00 each. He stated that he doesn't know if this request , for a Chevrolet Equinox at a cost of about \$20,000.00, will be approved or not.

Mr. Boyne went on to state that State Employees will be receiving a two (2%) percent COLA. He added that there is a possibility that county employees may also receive a two (2%) percent COLA, but that is not written in stone. He stated that fee collections are good. We have been using a sliding fee scale which helps with the "working poor". Mr. Boyne said that Prime for Life and ADSAP fees continue to generate the largest percentage of our collections.

Mr. Boyne addressed the \$100,000 grant for Drug Court and stated that the number of drug court clients has decreased. Initially, we had 30 to 32 clients and now we are down to 16 to 20. Mr. Boyne said that we may be able to stretch the funds to cover a fourth year of services from the original timeframe of three years. He stated that there is even a possibility of extending services and funds into

a fifth year. The Drug Court clientele comes from the Solicitor's Office, not ours. He stressed if the funds go away, we don't do Drug Court.

We currently have four programs that have referrals from the Solicitor's Office: Drug Court, Pretrial Intervention, Alcohol Education Program and the Offender Based Intervention program. Mr. Boyne stated that we have not increased our personnel to accommodate these additional programs.

Mr. Boyne said that our revenue from Medicaid has increased, but we don't have a tremendous amount of Medicaid clients. Mr. Boyne remarked that KIDSVILLE, an excellent publication, continues to have a circulation of over 20,000 and is very well received in the community.

Mr. Boyne then addressed the County Plan update. He stated he received a letter from Bob Toomey, Director of DAODAS on March 16th. Mr. Boyne said we will no longer have to do a 30-35 page document. We will just submit a Progress Letter for FY-13 outlining goals and objectives and have it signed off by the Board. This is due by May 15, 2012.

Mr. Boyne stated that we would need to have the Board meet on May 14th rather than our regularly scheduled time of the third Monday in the month so that we may discuss New Business, the Board Agenda and the Letter of Intent. Mr. Boyne stated that he will scan the Letter of Intent to each of the Board members for them to review.

Mr. Boyne announced that there had been a situation where sensitive information had been accessed and a HIPAA case against Blue Cross/Blue Shield resulted in a 1.5 Million dollar settlement. He stressed that everyone needs to be cognizant of Privacy laws.

Mr. Boyne addressed Shannon Erickson's report on the dangers of Spice and Bath Salts. He stated that both Bills are moving well in the House and that we are still following this closely. He stated one of two things will happen. The Bills will either be merged as one Bill or will be passed separately. Mr. Boyne announced that he had asked Wade Bishop to attend, but that he was out ill. Mr. Boyne stated that one of our Prevention staff, Christie Jeter has been doing programs in the schools on both Bath Salts and K-2 (Spice). He stated that we will try to schedule a presentation for the next board meeting if possible.

At this time, Mr. Boyne asked Mr. Campbell to address the Board. Mr. Campbell thanked the Board Members for their service and reappointment to the Board. All Board Members have been reappointed with Fran Kenney being the last to be reappointed.

Mr. Campbell stated that over the last two years we have been evaluating essential services versus nonessential. He stated that no one is interested in having taxes increased, but most want services. Mr. Campbell stated that there has been a drop in property tax revenue this fiscal year from 103 million to 97 million and there is a continuing reduction in revenue from construction and impact fees which could mean a further drop in revenue by another 3 million in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Campbell stated that three county departments receive additional revenue from the State and Medicaid. These departments are Alcohol and Drug, Disability and Special Needs and COSY. Mr.

Campbell stated that we are down on the totem pole. Disability and Special Needs received 6 million dollar expenditure with their new facility and there was a new regional library on St. Helena Island.

He stated that we continue to balance nonessential versus essential. Monies have been slated for Parks and Leisure, the University, Hospital Indigent Care, and the list goes on. Our growth is down and property transfer fees have decreased by 6 million over the last three years. Construction is down, foreclosures are up and our challenges are here. Mr. Campbell stated that we have reduced personnel over the last three years by 300. This places more responsibility on the remaining personnel. He stated it sounds bleak, but we will work together. Every year proves to be tougher than the last and there may be a reassessment in FY-14, but we have another year of rough sailing ahead of us.

Mr. Campbell stated that FY-14 is going to be crunch time and it may mean at some point there may even be a need to have personnel cuts. Mr. Campbell stated that the County did buy the Myrtle Park Professional center in Bluffton and we no longer have to pay rent.

Mr. Charles Hammel asked about the possibility of Leasing Vendors for attractive lease options with regard to our request for a new vehicle. Mr. Boyne stated that we currently buy through the State Purchasing System.

There being No Old Business and No New Business, Mary Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and Bette Goettle seconded. The next meeting will be in our Bluffton office on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 9:30 AM.