

08/21/2017 BCADAD BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2017

The BCADAD held a special board meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Beaufort Office at 9:30 AM.

**Present were: Sally Hitchcock, Linda Hoffman, Fran Kenney, Ann Seppenfield, John Coaxum
Charles Hammel and Worth Liipfert**

The meeting was opened by Chairman, John Coaxum. Mr. Coaxum welcomed everyone and advised the July 17, 2017 Minutes needed to be approved. Charles Hammel moved to approve and Ann Seppenfield seconded. All other Board Members concurred. Next, the Agenda needed to be approved, Linda Hoffman moved to accept the Agenda and John Coaxum seconded and all other Board Members agreed. At this time, Mr. Coaxum turned the meeting over to the Director, Mr. Boyne.

Mr. Boyne greeted the Board and stated he wanted to meet with the Board one last time before his retirement on September 1, 2017. Mr. Boyne stated that there were 65 applicants so far in the search for a new director.

Mr. Boyne stated that he wanted to advise the Board that the funds have been approved for interior renovation. It is not known when the renovation will be started, but, Mr. Boyne wanted the Board to know that the funds were approved. Also, he addressed the security issues for the building. Glass security windows and a door were installed to protect the reception area. This was done to ensure no easy access. Funds have been approved for further security measures, but, it is not known at this time, when they will be completed.

Mr. Boyne informed the Board that there is a new system for employee evaluations. Management has had online training. Mr. Boyne told the Board that the HVAC units which were installed in 1989 were due to be replaced. Mr. Boyne advised the Board that he helped design the original layout of the building that houses the Beaufort County Human Services offices. Mr. Boyne continued by advising that the Veterans' Affairs department would not be returning to their original offices and as such, this has allowed for our department to gain a conference room and an office.

Mr. Boyne told the Board that we are in good shape financially. The search is still ongoing for a receptionist in Bluffton. That position requires someone who is bilingual and/or can interpret Spanish. Mr. Boyne did advise the Board that we did lose an allocation of funds, \$35,000, that were set aside for the establishment of an HIV Lab. We spent around \$4,400 of those funds on training of one of our clinicians. She went through a year of training and then left our agency to move to another state. It was an opt in/opt out program for the clients. Mr. Boyne did advise our Board that we are low in the state percentage wise on HIV cases. Mr. Boyne announced to the Board that we have been part of the

Sheriff's Opioid Crisis Team since its inception. He continued by telling the Board about the August 31st Opioid Conference that is being held at the Burkhalter Pals Recreation Center, South of the Broad. This is a joint effort of various county organizations and our Prevention Team will be putting on a program. Our Treatment Director, Areatha Hamilton will be speaking and our Prevention Director, Wade Bishop and his prevention team have put together a lot of the agenda, also the popular "Take Back the Meds" program. Mr. Boyne stated he would not attend, as he wanted his senior team to now become the "Face of the Agency". Mr. Boyne told the Board that while we are one of the lowest in the state for opioid cases, Beaufort County is definitely on the rise, Mr. Boyne added that the state got a grant to be able to provide Narcan, a nasal spray, which can inhibit an overdose and perhaps, prevent an accidental overdose death.

At this time, Mr. Boyne advised the Board that he knew that the BCADAD staff would continue to do an excellent job after his retirement and that he was proud of each and every one of them. He continued by telling the Board members that he was only a phone call away and he would continue to take a vested interest in the Department. He told the Board that what the BCADAD staff does is to "save lives". Mr. Boyne advised the Board that Monica Spells, Assistant County Administrator, Civic Engagement and Outreach Area will be accessible to our group leaders and the program will continue to work until the search for a new director is concluded. After serving our Agency and the County for forty three (43) years, the Director, Mr. Boyne bid farewell to the BCADAD Board and told the Board that a date has not been set for the next meeting and Doreen Plyler, Board Secretary would advise them of the next meeting.

At this time, the Board adjourned.