



BEAUFORT COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING

Minutes

MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

February 21, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Bluffton Branch Library

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Coaxum, *Chair*
Charles Hammel
Frances Kenney
Ann Seppenfield

MEMBERS AVAILABLE ON STANDBY:

Sarah "Sally Ann" Hitchcock
Worth Liipfert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Hoffman

STAFF PRESENT:

Monica Spells

GUESTS PRESENT:

Judy Lohr

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

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- The minutes were unanimously approved as written on a motion from Mr. Hammel and a second from Ms. Kenney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Lohr shared that she previously worked with the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department and has an interest in how well it is operating and serving the public. Ms. Lohr mentioned that Board members might benefit from attending workshops such as the South Carolina Marijuana Summit. She also mentioned that the National Association for Addiction Professionals is a great resource for information for anyone active or interested in counseling, prevention, intervention, treatment, education and research.



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INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Spells reminded the Board that the meeting location changed from the BCADAD locations in Beaufort and Bluffton to the County Administration Building in Beaufort and the Bluffton Branch Library for easier public access and in support of the County's goals of transparency.
- Ms. Spells shared that she was continuing to serve as the Interim Director for the BCADAD until the department completes some projects, including a renovation to the Beaufort location. She also stated that County Administration was taking steps to review operations of the department to ensure that it was meeting stated objectives and utilizing current business processes for better efficiencies and sound customer service. Ms. Spells stated that improvements to the Beaufort office were ongoing and included plans for painting, new flooring and new furniture. Mr. Hammel asked about renovations to the Bluffton office; and Ms. Spells clarified that was a newer facility and the County was focusing on the Beaufort office and thereafter would review the Bluffton office for any feasible or necessary improvements. Ms. Spells added that Beaufort County Council has approved a new HVAC system and security improvements for the Human Services Building where the Beaufort office is located.
- Ms. Spells asked the Board about their past involvement with the BCADAD staff and other boards and agencies via conferences and training workshops. The Board stated not recalling receiving any such information previously. Mr. Hammel stated that he would like to learn more about the Department's involvement with other agencies such as the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Seppenfield stated that she was open to receiving more information about ways the Board can become more engaged; and the Board concurred. Ms. Spells stated that she would arrange for staff to have more of a presence at future meetings, so that they could provide briefs on the prevention and treatment areas, as well as finance. She also stated that the County could pursue the possibility of a consultant to help the Board better define its goals and objectives.
- Ms. Spells mentioned the County's current lawsuit against drug companies and physicians over their alleged roles in the local opioid crisis. The Board members stated that they were unaware of the lawsuit and that they had not seen any related information in the press. Ms. Spells stated that she would provide them with information to the local news articles and other relevant information.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Ms. Spells presented the department's financials to date, as submitted to her by Ms. Barbara Ray, BCADAD Financial Coordinator. There were no questions regarding the financials.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

- The Board did not discuss any old business.



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NEW BUSINESS

- The Board did not discuss any new business and there were no items requiring approval by the Board.

OTHER

- Mr. Coaxum asked whether there was any other business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. on a motion from Mr. Hammel and a second from Ms. Kenney.

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