

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906

February 19, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Brown, Gloria Bolino, Bobby Collar, Grace Dennis, Margaret Ann Gatch, Helene Gruber, David Green, Nancy Pinkerton, Gardenia Simmons-White, Ann Wirz and Morris Campbell (Ex-Officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: All members present

STAFF PRESENT: Mitzi Wagner, Bill Love, Beth Cody and Joe Anne King

GUESTS PRESENT: William McBride, Beaufort County Council

I. CALL TO ORDER – Helene Gruber, Chair

Ms. Gruber called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

Ms. Gruber welcomed Mr. McBride and thanked him for being such a great supporter of our programs.

III. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2013 BOARD MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY NANCY PINKERTON AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2013 BOARD MINUTES AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AGENDA

Ms. Wagner said she would like to add to her report the following items:

- Security System
- United Way Grant
- SC DOT Grant
- Targeted Case Management

Ms. Gruber said she would like to add the Targeted Case Management presentation, prepared by David Green that will be presented to the Community Services Committee of County Council at their meeting on February 25. The presentation will be shown to board members before the committee reports.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID GREEN AND SECONDED BY GARDENIA SIMMONS-WHITE TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 AGENDA AS AMENDED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, Helene Gruber, Chair

Ms. Gruber reminded members that March is Disabilities Awareness Month and asked for volunteers to pick up the proclamations as listed on the attached agenda. Volunteers are as follows:

- City of Beaufort
 - Town of Port Royal
 - Town of Bluffton
 - Hilton Head Town Council
 - Beaufort County Council
- Grace Dennis
Ann Wirz and Margaret Ann Gatch
Bobby Collar and Gloria Bolino
Nancy Pinkerton
Gardenia Simmons-White

Ms. Gruber said she visited the garden again today and is very impressed with Mr. Wagner's dedication to the upkeep of the garden. Mr. Brown suggested purchasing a brick in his honor for his hard work and dedication. All members agreed with the purchase.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Mitzi Wagner

Ms. Wagner said Ms. Cody would present an update of the budget. Ms. Cody passed out copies of the budget, reviewed each item, and answered questions. A copy of the update will be placed in the Board Minutes Manual.

Ms. Wagner said bids for the renovation of the Cottage Walk facility is to be in by March 7, 2013 and renovation is expected to be completed by June 30, 2013. She said part of the funding is from SCDDSN and some from a grant that states completion must be done by June 30th.

Ms. Wagner met with individuals from MIS and David Coleman who is finishing some things in the building and looking at the project of the security system in the building. She said we are very happy that they are beginning to work toward getting that and will be making their presentation to county council on Friday. The security system will allow staff to enter and leave the building based on their identification card, which is a plus as we were given very few keys to the building. Security cameras and panic buttons will be part of the process. We think there may be enough money left from the money that was allocated for the building to install two urinals in the day program and hopefully a sign for out front. We are looking forward to all of those things as part of finishing up of the money that was allocated for the building.

Ms. Wagner said she worked with the ABLE Foundation to complete the United Way Grant application and are hopeful that it would be approved. She said there are a few more steps to the process. They will make a site visit here and a meeting in Bluffton to present the financial side of our grant request. All of the funds will go to supporting Camp Treasure Chest along with ABLE funding. She said we are hopeful that some of things that are happening with ABLE show potential that they will be able to do more and more of it. We have two new members and an additional two members that should be attending by the next meeting. She mentioned that ABLE was still selling bricks for the flagpole project. The minimum bricks needed is 31 and to date have sold 18 and are waiting for our volunteer landscape architect to complete the plan for that.

Ms. Wagner said, thanks to Ms. Cody's hard work, who completed a grant from SCDOT for \$50,000 to help us to contract with Palmetto Breeze to provide transportation to and from day program for a couple of our groups. She said our vehicles are beginning to age and we are spending a fortune on gas because of gas prices and contracting with Palmetto Breeze seems a positive way to go. She said we cannot do away with having vehicles but we can reduce mileage and wear and tear on our vehicles.

Ms. Wagner said that the Department of Health and Human Services is not “Gung-ho” to do the addition of our new Waiver program that funds Service Coordination the way they want it but they are interested in including that as part of the presentation and are working with SCDDSN and hope to have some kind of solution by the first of July. If they do, it would be wonderful; if that does not work we will still have problems based on continuing service coordination the way we want to.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Bill Love

Mr. Love met with Monica Stokes, a young lady from Mr. Kubic’s office, to help us come up with a logo. He said he was really impressed and passed around a sample logo. He said it is a simple design and makes an impression once you see it.

He said the fashion show went well and thanked all of those who attended. He said there were 69 individuals other than family members that came. It was crowded, fun and everyone had a ball. He said the consumers conducted themselves so well. They did their turn around and strutted back down. He said we are planning one for next year.

Mr. Love said we have been getting a lot of volunteers. We usually get volunteers that come for certain projects then will leave. We now have six volunteers that will stay three or four hours at a time. A couple of them are students from the university who need 120 hours to finish up their degree and are using DSN an opportunity to get those 120 hours. She said it is nice for them to see what we do but is also an opportunity to improve on their skills.

Ms. Love said we are getting a lot of requests for services from families from many different places who are planning on moving into this area. He said our population is really increasing and some of the Hilton Head families who are receiving services from PEP are now coming to us. He also mentioned that we now have 48% of our individuals out working in the community and it makes such a difference. He said things are going really well and we are getting complements from those facilities that use our services.

VIII. POLICY/DIRECTIVES COMMITTEE, Grace Dennis, Chair

- 503-01 DD Consumer Involvement with Criminal Justice System (Revised)
- Psychological Services Standards for Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver-funded Services

Ms. Dennis said the committee reviewed the directive listed and asked for board approval for the directive as written. Directive was approved as submitted.

(The meeting paused to watch the Targeted Case Management video that will be presented to the Community Services Committee on February 25th. Ms. Gruber thanked Mr. Green and the committee for their hard work. Ms. Wagner encouraged board members to attend the Committee meeting on the 25th to support our services.)

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Helene Gruber, Chair

Ms. Gruber said she continues to say they are such a wonderful group of people who work very hard and love to do what they do and have such fun doing it. We will be planning the next event soon.

- Personnel Committee, Jonathan Brown, Chair
Mr. Brown said we have had no luck so far. He mentioned trying to get in touch with Mr. Churchill with no response. The other two names that were given to him were Mr. Williams who did not respond and the other was a school teacher and is not interested. He said he would try Mr. Churchill one more time.
- Public Relations Committee, David Green, Chair
Nothing new to report
- Goals Committee Reports –
- (Educating people about eligibility)
Mr. Collar said he contacted Brenda Hunt who said that DSN would be welcome to sit in on any of the “Cluster meetings” that meets once a month south of the Broad and once as well north of the Broad. He said it is a very intimate meeting with all elementary, middle and high school special educators, psychologists and coordinators. He said the March meeting will target all members that would like to hear what we say and get some points across especially to the elementary level psychologists and teachers to make sure they get the eligibility requirement out there to the parents. Mr. Collar said he would let Ms. Wagner know the date of the next meeting.
(Communication with county and state)
Ms. Bolino said she would attend the SC Commission meeting in Columbia on April 18, 2013.
(Communication with other boards)
Members have not met, however Ms. Wirz had some ideas to talk over with the committee. A meeting would be scheduled.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

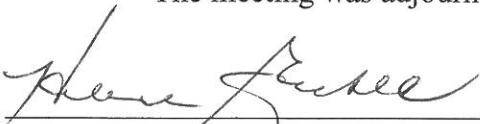
There were no public comments.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 16, 2013** at 4:00 p.m. at:
Disabilities and Special Needs Department
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906

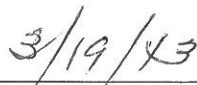
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY GRACE DENNIS AND SECONDED BY MARGARET ANN GATCH TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



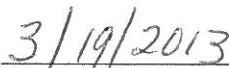
Helene Gruber, Chair



Date



Nancy Pinkerton, Secretary



Date