

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD

100 Clear Water Way

Beaufort, SC 29906

June 16, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Brown, Margaret Ann Gatch, Nancy Pinkerton, Ann Wirz, Grace Dennis, Gardenia Simmons-White, David Green, Jill Striebinger, Morris Campbell (Ex-officio),

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Marshall, Monica Spells

STAFF PRESENT: Mitzi Wagner, William Love, Janice Beach, DSN Staff

GUESTS PRESENT: John Gatch, David Striebinger, Sue Ann Bolick, Lynn Russo, Strawn King

I. CALL TO ORDER – Jonathan Brown, Chairman  
Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS  
Mr. Brown welcomed guests. Ms. Lynn Russo introduced herself. She has put in an application to join the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2015 BOARD MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY NANCY PINKERTON AND SECONDED BY ANN WIRZ TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2015 MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 16, 2015 AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARDENIA SIMMONS-WHITE AND SECONDED BY NANCY PINKERTON TO ADOPT THE JUNE 16, 2015 AGENDA WITH NO ADDITIONS.

V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Jonathan Brown, Chairman  
Mr. Brown opened the floor to DSN staff and the Board to offer their words of appreciation and encouragement to Mitzi for her upcoming retirement from DSN. Several staff and Board members spoke and said how much they appreciate her hard work and dedication to DSN and our consumers. Mr. Brown presented her with a card from the Board. He also presented Mr. Campbell, who will be retiring on June 26<sup>th</sup>, with a card from the Board.

Mr. Brown presented a letter of appreciation to Grace Dennis for the great job she did in securing money for Camp Treasure Chest from 100 Women Who Care.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Mitzi Wagner  
Fraser – We have moved into Fraser. Thank you to all who attended the open house. The consumers are happy where they are. The County endorsed our recommendation to donate Ivy to Habitat.

Bluffton Homes – We had a get-together for the people moving into the Bluffton homes and their families at Cottage Walk. Consumers welcomed visitors into their home and gave tours. Everyone had a good time.

Legislative Delegation – I tried to get in touch with Shannon Erickson but was unable to. I did talk to someone in her office who encouraged the Board to go back to the Legislative Delegation to ask where we are on the sale of Port Royal. They meet again on the 29th in Council Chambers. David, Jill and Grace said they will go to show support from the Board.

Paybacks from SC and ours to PEP – We are getting money back from SCDDSN. We are getting paybacks of \$163,000 from 2012/13 for underpayment for Day. We are getting \$90,000 for a new community support state funded program. We have new waivers coming in. Day Program is growing. There are younger people on the waiting list. There is a new program for these people. We will be starting a new Day Program which is not a traditional Day Program. We will be creating a new name for it. It will be patterned after Breakers and will run two days from 3-6 and on Saturday. SLP is growing. We have three people going through licensing to become part of the SLP Program. The difference between the new Day Program and Breakers is that it will be funded by a waiver. Breakers people don't have a waiver.

Budget (Beth Cody) – Beth Cody presented a review of the DSN budget and gave an overview of where we are with revenue and expenditures. This report does not include money we received today, this is through June 12<sup>th</sup>. We are at 104% in revenue and 92% in expenditures. Overall the agency is at 96% which is where we need to be at this time of year.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bill Love

Day Program is growing. We are having a hard time finding the right people to work here. We have been interviewing. I contacted TCL. They have CNA's graduating this week. We will be going to talk to them Wednesday and Thursday after graduation about DSN and the jobs we have available.

VIII. POLICY COMMITTEE, Grace Dennis

The changes to the policies were mostly in wording. I recommend they be approved.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee – Ms. Wirz had nothing to report on Hospitality.
- Personnel Committee, Jonathan Brown, Chair – We lost another member of the Board, Bobby Collar who is with the school system. Ms. Lynn Russo put in an application to become a member of the Board. A letter of recommendation will be sent to County Council.
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair  
Mr. Green had nothing to report.
- Informing Parents, Communication with Transitions, Vacant, Chair

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

July is the month off for the Board meeting. Our next meeting will be August 18, 2015.

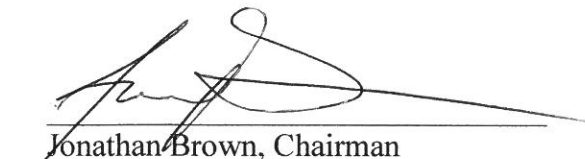
The nominating committee met and presented the Board with their recommendations for new officers. Nancy Pinkerton was nominated for Chair, Gardenia Simmons-White for Vice-Chair, and Jill Striebinger for Secretary. A motion was made by Ann Wirz and seconded by Grace Dennis to approve these nominations. The Board approved them unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at:  
Disabilities and Special Needs Department  
100 Clear Water Way, Beaufort, SC 29906

XI. ADJOURNMENT

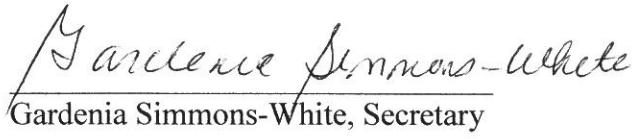
MOTION WAS MADE BY NANCY PINKERTON TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.



Jonathan Brown, Chairman

8-18-15  
Date



Gardenia Simmons-White, Secretary

8 / 18 / 15  
Date