

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
February 16, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Ann Gatch, Grace Dennis, Gardenia Simmons-White, David Green, Lynn Russo, Jill Striebinger, George Marshall, Anne Hamilton, Caleb Brown, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Pinkerton

STAFF PRESENT: William Love, Janice Beach, Erin Womack

GUESTS PRESENT: John Gatch, Michael Corbett

I. CALL TO ORDER – Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Simmons-White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS
Mrs. Simmons-White welcomed our guests.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 BOARD MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ANNE HAMILTON AND SECONDED BY CALEB BROWN TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL STRIEBINGER AND SECONDED BY LYNN RUSSO TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AGENDA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Simmons White asked for volunteers for chair of the Personnel Committee since Mr. Jonathan Brown resigned. Ms. Russo asked for information about the duties of the personnel committee. Ms. Simmons-White told her they would review applications when someone applies to be on the Board and bring a recommendation to the Board to vote on. Ms. Russo agreed she would take the position of Chair for the Personnel Committee.

With the resignation of Mr. Brown, we are in need of a new board member. Please keep looking for someone to fill this empty seat.

March is Disabilities Awareness month and we need volunteers to pick up the proclamations. They are as follows:

City of Beaufort	March 08 @ 7:00 PM	Grace Dennis
Town of Port Royal	March 09 @ 6:30 PM	Caleb Brown, Jill Striebinger, Eric Novoa
Town of Bluffton	March 08 @ 6:00 PM	David Green
Hilton Head	March 15 @ 4:00 PM	Caleb Brown
County Council	March 14 @ 5:00 PM	Gardenia Simmons-White

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bill Love

Bill said he would like to start every meeting telling the Board members how much we appreciate everything that you do. I appreciate you challenging me by asking questions. Bill invited Erin Womack back today to answer some questions some of the Board members had regarding services we provide. He will bring in the transition person, Coe, next month.

Update on Nancy and Morris – Bill spoke with Nancy. She is doing well and will be back at the meeting next month. Bill also spoke to Morris Campbell who is doing very well. Monica mentioned that the County had their retreat last Thursday through Saturday at the Bluffton Library Branch. On Thursday she presented highlights on our various areas and put out to County Council our needs as related to DSN. We will continue to push for residential housing and putting our focus on south of the Broad. Mr. Campbell was there so it was good to have his support.

Response to Questions – Erin Womack

1. What is a waiver? We oversee three waivers at Beaufort County DSN. There are a number of waivers out there, maybe seven, but we oversee three. The first one is the PDD Waiver (Pervasive Developmental Disorder). These are federal funds; that is what a waiver is, federal funds. PDD is for ages 3-10. Once you age out, that is it. It is for ABA Therapy (Applied Behavioral Analysis). All those people have to have autism or be on the spectrum. Next there is the Community Supports Waiver (CSW) which is all federal funds. Years and years ago there was Individual Rehab Supports but they did away with that program. What it did was to fund the Day Program services. So SCDDSN came up with a great way for us to make money because with these waivers for every dollar there are three, so we have a total of four that come back from the state. So they created the Community Supports Waiver. This waiver has limited services as well as funding caps on some of the services. Someone living with Mom and Dad out in the community could get this waiver and it funds the Day Program, which would be about \$8500. They might have a few more needs, like respite or incontinence supplies but the cap on that waiver could vary up to \$13,000. If you exceed it that is all you get. Then you have the ID/RD Waiver (Intellectual Disability/Related Disability). This is what I call the big apple. When I sit down with families I tell them it is like winning the lottery. It is a wonderful thing because you know these waivers there were long waiting lists up into the thousands. We were telling families it could be 8 to 10 to 12 years before your loved one gets a federal waiver which funds a number of services we have here (Day Program, Residential, etc.). The ID/RD waiver is the big waiver. There are minimal caps on this waiver. There was some talk about doing away with the PDD waiver and it being directly funded by Medicaid. PDD Waiver is not going away. They are still going to have that and they are going to have State PDD. Once you age out of PDD you might still be able to get State PDD. You have to have Medicaid in order to get federal funding.
2. How does a consumer qualify for a waiver? It is not about the consumer. Anyone can go on the waiver waiting list. When your name comes up they are going to ask to send a level of care packet to the state. The state has a team, the Consumer Assessment Team that will determine if you qualify. If you do qualify, we will get a notice back saying you meet the level of care and have been awarded whichever waiver it is you applied for. You can apply for any type of waiver, but you can only be enrolled in one waiver at a time.

There are a number of ways to lose a waiver; being admitted to an ICF/IID or nursing facility, no longer meets ICF/IID Level of Care, No longer eligible for Medicaid as determined by DHHS, voluntarily withdraws or no longer wished to receive services funded by the Community Supports Waiver, do not receive a Community Supports Waiver service for 30 consecutive days, move out of state, move to another HCB waiver, or exhaust the individual cost limit.

3. What are the different programs under DSN (such as Breakers) and which consumers do they serve? The Breakers Program is for consumers who do not have a waiver but they need services after school. Breakers is operated three days a week; Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. These consumers are on a waiting list. South Carolina is the best state to receive services. Branches is for people who do have a waiver but are still in school. We have the summer camp program, Camp Treasure Chest, which you are familiar with.
4. What are the different Boards that work with us, such as ABLE or PEP? ABLE Foundation is the fundraising board and public relations board. PEP was established by families who did not want to have their loved ones transported all the way to Beaufort for services.
5. What types of residences are in use now, like Port Royal? There is the CTH II (Community Training Home) which houses four individuals each, PRCRCF (Port Royal Community Residential Care Facility) which houses fifteen individuals, SLP (Supported Living Program) where the consumer has their own apartment or home. We have 8 SLP consumers. Then there is a CTH I in which one or two individuals live in a home with a caregiver. The state has a list of buildings they are going to talk about selling, giving away, renovate, etc. Port Royal is on that list. The problem is that it is a very long process. Mr. Kubic has talked to Bill about the county buying several homes to put those consumers in. This is just talk right now.
6. How does DSN coordinate with the other organizations, such as PEP, to serve this population? PEP (Programs for Exceptional People) provides case management and support services for 56 individuals. We help fund them. We pay for 34 consumers. The people on Hilton Head did not want their loved one to have to travel to Beaufort for services so they developed a program to provide services for them in that area.
7. Are parents or families of the consumers responsible financially in any way once a waiver is granted? No. Once in Residential we are responsible for everything.

2016-2017 Budget Request – Bill has provided you a copy of the budget from the governor's office. This is what is being presented to the legislators. Take note of numbers 1, 2, and 3. This is the recommendation Dr. Buscemi is presenting to the legislators. Mr. Marshall asked about Item 6 about genetic services. We have a number of individuals with Fragile X syndrome. Greenwood Genetics comes in and does genetic profiles of individuals. We have one of the largest numbers of Fragile X populations around. Genetics research is very important.

Freedom of Information Act Training – Bill has asked Janice to forward members a copy of the email with the link to the Freedom of Information Act training so that you can view the training at your convenience. We will also send you a staff development form to fill out so we can show that you have done this training. Please fill it out and bring it to the next meeting or you can email it to Janice at jbeach@bcgov.net.

Goals – We have provided you with a copy of the goals for the Board for this year.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Policy review is for information only. There are four policies for review this month.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Nothing at this time.
- Personnel Committee, Vacant, Chair – Monica said that the Council appreciates it when the Board makes recommendations for new members.
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair
Mr. Green will attend the next Legislative Delegation meeting once we find out the date.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

David said he and Mike Corbett are being hosted by DSN at a couple of their houses this Thursday to see what they have in place as Osprey Village is beginning to develop plans. They will be at Little Capers on Lady's Island at 1:00 and at Pinecrest in Bluffton at 2:30 this Thursday if anyone would like to join them.

Monica thanked the Board for all that you do. We are getting ready to enter our budget cycle in mid-March and she and Bill will ask for continued support. As you are riding around Beaufort or Bluffton/Hilton Head, please continue to look for properties. Home prices are going up.

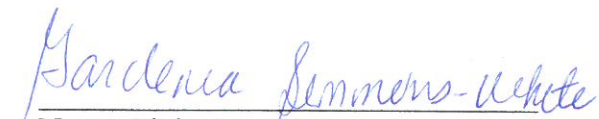
The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at:

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X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ANNE HAMILTON AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 16TH MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

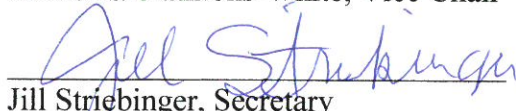
The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.




Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman
Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice Chair



Date



Jill Striebinger, Secretary



Date