

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
June 21, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caleb Brown, Grace Dennis, Margaret Ann Gatch, Anne Hamilton, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Green, George Marshall, Gardenia Simmons-White, Jill Striebinger

STAFF PRESENT: William Love, Janice Beach, Beth Cody

GUESTS PRESENT: John Gatch, Rufus Britt, Mike Corbett

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman
Mrs. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS
Mrs. Pinkerton welcomed our guests.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2016 AND APRIL 19, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

MS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2016 AND APRIL 19, 2016 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANNE HAMILTON AND SECONDED BY GRACE DENNIS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 21, 2016 AGENDA

THE JUNE 21, 2016 AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE ITEM ADDED BY MR. LOVE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Ms. Pinkerton said she did not have anything to report today.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Bill Love

Ms. Beth Cody was present at this meeting to invite public comment on the 2017 grant from SCDOT. There was a discussion about what the grant includes.

Mr. Love introduced Mr. Rufus Britt, who is District II Director of SCDDSN. Mr. Britt presented an overview of South Carolina Disabilities and Special Needs 2016 Initiatives, 2017 Budget Requests, and the Strategic Plan. He discussed SCDDSN’s mission statement, prevention of disabilities, their anatomy, the district offices and regional centers, and some of the different programs.

Mr. Love told the Board that we have been through three audits in the past month. We had a state audit where they went through all our records on consumer payroll. We had to pay back \$18,000 in back pay to the consumers on contract because we did not pay them for transportation from one job site to another. We did not know we had to do that. We compensated each of them at minimum wage (\$7.25). Eight of them had over \$2,000 owed to them so we had to spread the payment out so it would not interfere with their benefits. The second audit was from the Department of Labor. They came and audited us too. Because of us being able to pay subminimum wage they wanted to make sure we were paying them correctly. They did not find any issues or violations. The third audit was by ALLIANT. Our overall score was 96.3%. We are going to challenge some of our citations so our score may go up. We are working on our Plan of Corrections.

Mr. Love said he got a call from the state about families advocating for their family member. Families are really pushing for their family member and are being rude. We are going to come up with a checklist of 10 items to train families how to advocate properly. We will discuss this again at the August meeting.

Last month, I cancelled our meeting because of the audits and because I was suspended for two weeks because of a situation in the Day Program. A consumer was acting out when I was walking through the Day Program. I took the consumer to the quiet room. Consumers have the right to call SLED. I had to leave the premises during the investigation. I felt very supported. There was nothing found that I did wrong. As a result of this, we are going to look at improving our camera system, upgrade cameras in the houses, and putting in audio. I was reassigned to the Library so I was working during that time. I teach the class on Abuse and Neglect so I reinforce the importance of reporting.

Ms. Spells added that law enforcement reported the allegation was “unfounded”. Bill was removed from this premise, not suspended. The investigator from the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office came to me with a copy of the video surveillance and said Bill showed a high level of professionalism. One year ago Mitzi and Morris were retiring. We have continued to grow under Bill’s leadership. County Council approved the budget to include a new Day Program and one or two new homes.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis reviewed the policies/directives listed on the agenda and made a motion to adopt the directives as written. Passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Nothing at this time.
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing at this time.
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair

Mr. Green attended the Legislative Delegation meeting on June 6th and asked about the issue regarding the disposition of monies that would be received from the potential sale of the Port Royal CRCF facility. Rep. Erickson said she had forgotten about this issue and would check to see whether the committee that was reviewing all of the facilities owned by the state had completed its work and, if so, ask what their plans would be for that facility. (Reported from his email)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Russo said they did the Community Review at the Bluffton homes

Mr. Corbett asked what SLED meant. It was explained to him that this stands for State Law Enforcement Division. He stated that the governor vetoed the proviso for Osprey Village. They revised it and resubmitted it and it was approved.

Ms. Dennis mentioned that the group "100 Women Who Care" raised \$15,200 at their last meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at:

Disabilities and Special Needs Department
100 Clear Water Way, Beaufort, SC 29906

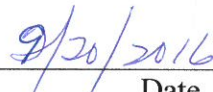
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY GRACE DENNIS AND SECONDED BY LYNN RUSSO TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 21ST MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.


The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.




Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman



Date



Jill Striebinger, Secretary



Date