

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
February 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Grace Dennis, David Green, Anne Hamilton, Marcia Metzger, Frankie Middleton, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Gardenia Simmons-White, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caleb Brown, Gregory Hall, George Marshall

STAFF PRESENT: William Love, Janice Beach

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Metzger, Jerry Manual, Paul Green

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, Mr. Metzger, Paul Green (David's son), and Jerry Manuel (who is the new Executive Director for Osprey Village). Mr. Manuel is from Cincinnati, Ohio. He moved here three years ago. He has spent 40 years working with people with developmental disabilities. He was a county superintendent/teacher, residential operator, workshop associate, and spent 8 years as state director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 BOARD MEETING

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 17, 2017 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AGENDA

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2017 AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH ONE ADDITION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton did not have any business, so the meeting was turned over to Mr. Love for his report.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bill Love

Mr. Love started the meeting by saying how much he appreciates our new board members.

Mr. Love announced that we are applying for the SCDOT grant again this year. We are required to make a public announcement.

Mr. Love announced that Wanda Mayse was selected as our new Deputy Director. I appreciate Ms. Russo and Mr. Rufus Britt who came down from the State to be a part of this process. I let them make the decision who we would select. Their expertise was evident in the process. The county also reviewed all the applicants. Most of you know Wanda. She has been around about ten years, she worked in the system in North Carolina and she understands a lot of what is going on. Webby, who was our QA coordinator, retired at the end of December. I am looking at the QA responsibilities and giving some of them to Wanda. She will still be responsible for Residential but I have asked her to look at her duties and delegate some of them to her staff. She will also be responsible for monitoring the Final Rule.

Final Rule changes all the time. They have appointed a group of people to start doing reviews. Residential and Day are looking at some of the things we need to do, such as leases, locks, and choices. We have until December 2019 to come into compliance. Final Rule came out of the Obama administration. What it basically says is that any individual with a disability has a right to live productively and inclusively in their community. Nothing should look like institutions. There is a big emphasis on jobs.

Mr. Love said that Port Royal CRCF appraised at \$647,000 which is way below what it appraised at a few years ago. At this point we have done everything we need to do.

Monica Spells read an email from Cynthia Maxey, who is the liaison for the Legislative Delegation. It said that she is following up on the proviso request regarding the proceeds from the sale of the Port Royal Community Residential Facility and that Representative Shannon Erickson spoke with Chairman Paul Sommerville and Council Members Covert, Dawson, and Howard when they visited the statehouse last week and let them know that it is currently in the budget as a proviso.

Mr. Love said that he had spoken to Mr. Marshall, who was at our last meeting, regarding his concerns expressed at that meeting. He recently lost his wife. His Case Manager told him we would put his daughter on the emergency waiting list. He assumed that put her on top of the list. Her grandfather called and I gave him Rufus Britt's number and he explained the same thing to him. Mr. Marshall has agreed his daughter will be placed outside the county temporarily.

New House Update - Mr. Love said that the Oyster Bluff house should be ready to move into by August – September. We have family members coming back to the county. County Council had their annual retreat here a couple of weeks ago. I took them on a tour of the building. Some of them had no idea of what we do.

Mr. Love spoke at the Carteret Methodist Church about our services. They gave us \$1,000 worth of toys and clothes for our Early Intervention department.

Senate Bill 180 – Mr. Love asked other boards their opinion. It is about a 50/50 split for and against. People are worried about losing control. Mr. Love polled the Board members to see how they feel about the change. Some expressed concerns but overall everyone was for it.

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
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – I sat in on the interviews for the Deputy director position. There were seven applicants. They were all good candidates. It was a tough decision.
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Seems all the leg work is finally paying off on Port Royal.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Manual spoke about some of the things going on with Osprey Village.

Mr. Green said that there will be a grand opening on March 25th for the new Thrift Store for Osprey Village. March 16th the Mary Green Men's Corral is having an Irish Music Concert. You are all invited to that.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at:

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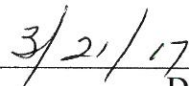
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARCIA METZGER AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 21ST MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

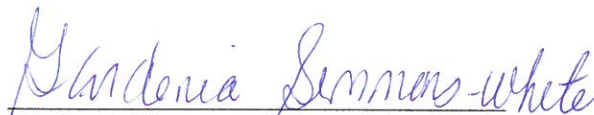
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



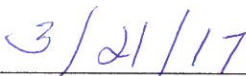
Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman



Date



Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman



Date