

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD  
100 Clear Water Way  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
March 20, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Blok, Grace Dennis, Terry Gibson, Frankie Middleton, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Jane Sidwell, Gardenia Simmons-White, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, David Green, Gregory Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Wanda Mayse, Janice Beach, Beth Cody, Beth Odom, Erin Womack, Gail Brown, Terry Geitner

GUESTS PRESENT: George Pinkerton, Alice Howard, Paula Pinkerton

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

Mrs. Pinkerton welcomed our guests.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 20, 2018 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GRACE DENNIS AND SECONDED BY LYNN RUSSO TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 AGENDA

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MARCH 20, 2018 AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH ONE ADDITION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton began the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Pinkerton asked our new member to tell us a little about herself. Ms. Gibson said she has been in the field of social work for many years. She is retired now. She did social work for about 15 years and taught social work for 25 years. She was the Administrator for the state of Louisiana where she worked with Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services at the state level and learned a lot about politics.

Mrs. Pinkerton asked if everyone had picked up the proclamations for Disabilities Awareness Month. Each one was turned in to be displayed in the DSN training room.

Mrs. Pinkerton read a letter we received from the attorney for the Board of Directors of the Live Oaks Property Owners Association that denied our application to build in Live Oaks. She then read a letter that we are sending to the attorney objecting to this decision. There was a discussion about this being discriminatory and against the Fair Housing Act. There is a meeting Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at the Hilton Head Library. Mrs. Pinkerton will attend and asked any other Board members that can be there to please come also. Ms. Pinkerton then read a letter we are sending to the attorney from the Board.

#### VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Budget Update – Beth Cody gave an update to the Board of our 2018 budget. We are 67% through our budget at this point. Revenue is at 64%, personnel is 49%, purchased services is 66%, and supplies are at 51%. Total expenditures are 46% overall. Beth then presented the 2019 budget which has been presented to County Council and is going through the approval process. The sheet shows the difference between the 2018 budget and what we have requested for 2019. Ms. Dennis asked what happened to the Breakers Program. Mr. Love said that about five years ago the state gave grants to provide the program. Three boards took the grant. We were the only one still providing the program. We have had to supplement the budget for Breakers by \$50,000 each year. With waivers coming in so fast, the program is not necessary.

Mr. Love asked Program Managers to tell the Board a little about their programs.

Beth Cody said she and Gail Brown are responsible for the budget for the agency, they reconcile consumer checkbooks, train staff on consumer funds, etc. They know what is going on in each program's budget. They help the agency to be good stewards with County, Federal, and State funds.

Beth Odom is the Early Intervention Supervisor. She passed out brochures explaining her program. The Early Intervention program was renamed Bright Beginnings a couple of years ago. Ms. Odom showed some of the toys that the Early Interventionists use in their trainings. They serve children birth to 5 years old and work directly with the child through play and to train the parent. 10% of their caseloads are Hispanic. There is a lack of availability of interpreters. The annual Kidfest is coming up the first Saturday of April. We will have a booth and the theme is pirates again this year because everyone enjoyed it last year. There will be a sandbox to play in and coloring sheets for children to color.

Erin Womack is the Family Supports Director. Ms. Womack worked with Early Intervention for a short while when we were down an EI. It is a great program. Ms. Womack has five Case Managers who work all over the County in all backgrounds. They serve over 600 clients in the community. There are a number of services under the umbrella of Family Support Services. There is Case Management, we consider ourselves as a provider. We work with families and consumers or clients in assessments and planning,

referrals and linkage, and monitoring and follow-up. We also work along with Day Program and Residential in helping them meet the needs they might have and monitoring the services that they provide. We have two Waivers now. PDD waiver went away in December. We have the ID/RD waiver and the CSW waiver. The CSW is the smallest waiver and there are 30 clients awaiting services on this list. The ID/RD waiver is the biggest waiver and there are 37 clients awaiting services on this list. The waiting list was moving, but with the change in administration it has slowed down tremendously. We have the Respite program. Years ago we worked with the County to create the Waiver Respite Program. We had ten positions for Respite. The program never grew to its maximum potential. We had six at the max and we always had turnover. Then the state opened it up and said it was going to be family driven. Families could choose their own provider. It is to the point that our Respite program is not being utilized as much so we are going to end the program June 30<sup>th</sup>. We also have Summer Services which runs Camp Treasure Chest. We are trying to do it a little different this year. Intakes for Case Management have been brought back to a local level. You no longer have to call the 800 number for an intake.

Mr. Love said he will take the new members to lunch and talk about our services and do an orientation with them because we are running short on time. We will have the other directors at our next meeting to continue the discussion of their programs.

Mr. Love said we have three houses to replace Port Royal. Center West has the roof on and they will be putting in the insulation and sheetrock. It will be ready soon.

#### VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Wanda Mayse

Ms. Mayse said that due to time constraints, she will only talk about one issue since the others are routine. One challenge we are having is with the State Fire Marshall. They are holding us accountable to a higher standard that doesn't fit under any guidance that I have seen. There is a lot of back and forth when completing their inspections. They are requiring us to have stuff that is not in any directive that applies to us.

#### VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis reviewed the policies listed and presented them for information and approval.

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Nothing
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Absent

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dennis thanked everyone for everything during the last few months and the passing of her husband.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at:

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X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY JANE SIDWELL AND SECONDED BY LYNN RUSSO TO  
ADJOURN THE MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Nancy Pinkerton

Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

4-17-2018

Date

Gardenia Simmons-White

Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

4-17-18

Date