

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD  
100 Clear Water Way  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
May 22, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, Terry Gibson, David Green, Gregory Hall, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Jane Sidwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Blok, Grace Dennis, Frankie Middleton, Gardenia Simmons-White, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Wanda Mayse, Janice Beach, Cherie Scoggins, Cris Roberson-Perez

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

There were no guests at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2018 BOARD MEETING

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 17, 2018 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY JANE SIDWELL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 22, 2018 AGENDA

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MAY 22, 2018 AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID GREEN AND SECONDED BY PAMELA BRANDON TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Nothing to report.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Changes at State Level - Mr. Love said that there are a lot of changes at the state level. The Executive Director is no longer there and five state members in the administrative area have left. Either they have been transferred to another department, been forced to retire, retired, or changed. They said things will be delayed, turnaround time will be difficult, and there will be service fees if they come down for a visit. They said it may be several months before things begin to calm down. Secretary Price wants us to be more accountable and responsible for spending money. I think it is an opportunity for us to evaluate ourselves and take a look at how we are spending money.

Update on New Homes – Mr. Love said that two of the three homes are under construction. The electricity has been pulled. The home on Center Drive is being dry-walled this week. I talked to the contractor who is building two of the homes and he said in 45-50 days they should be completed. The third home can be put up in three months. Mr. Love showed an architectural drawing of one of the homes to the Board. It is a five bedroom home. The fifth bedroom will be used for respite if a consumer needs a place to stay. The home on Waddell Road is on a large two lot area. You would have to go through our lot to get to the second lot. Mr. Love contacted the owner about buying it and using it for storage but they want too much for it right now.

Appraisal of Port Royal - Mr. Love said the state had Port Royal appraised again. Four or five years ago it was appraised at \$1.3 or 1.4 million. About a year ago we had it appraised and it appraised for about \$800,000. When the state had someone come down to appraise it and it only appraised for \$500,000. Cherie and Wanda have been working on a grant for \$300,000 from the state.

Mr. Love said that La Isla is a Spanish speaking magazine. The editor has asked him to provide them some information about our program. Some of the things we are doing are Residential, Day Program, Case Management, and Early Intervention. They are going to feature us in their magazine.

Mr. Love showed the Board a sample of something we are going to start doing for the consumers. This was brought about by what happened to one of our consumers. We are going to make an identification card for any of the consumers who want one to carry with them in case anything were to happen to them and they are not able to express what is going on. It can be carried in their wallet. The Board approved the identification card.

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

Ms. Mayse said that the HCBS Final Rule is guidance to ensure there are policies and procedures in place to protect consumer's rights. It started out with consumers have the right to have a key to lock space in their home and have access to a key to their homes and they have the ability to use those things. There is an implementation date of 2022. Right now we are making sure every board is well trained and consumers are trained as to what their rights are. We have been having webinars. We have had four so far and have thirteen more to go. Once we have gone through that, whatever we feel we are not prepared to address we will have to submit a plan of correction. Our plan of correction is due in September. That says if we cannot meet what their expectations are, what do we plan to do about it or what exception can we get to that? We will have to get an exception for two of the homes on Lady's Island because of the proximity. They are too close together.

Ms. Mayse said Mr. Love asked her to mention that David Goodell who was the Operations Director for the state resigned kind of suddenly. Rufus Britt has accepted that position as an interim position. His position is being filled by John Hitchman who we have worked with before so it will be seamless for us.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis was not present.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Still waiting for a date for the grand opening ceremonies. Mr. Love said possibly in November.
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Waiting on date for Legislative Delegation meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Gruber has taken a position with Hilton Head. Monica may be picking up some more responsibilities. Monica has been a really good director.

David Green said he had a meeting with Mike Covert and thanked him for his support.

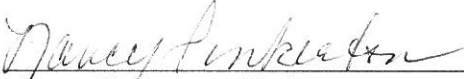
The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at:

Disabilities and Special Needs Department  
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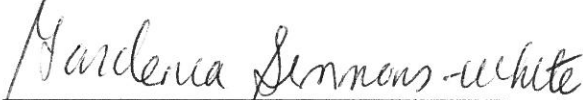
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY JANE SIDWELL AND SECONDED BY PAMELA BRANDON TO ADJOURN THE MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

  
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Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

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Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

6-19-18  
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