

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
June 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, Grace Dennis, Terry Gibson, David Green, Gregory Hall, Frankie Middleton, Lynn Russo, Gardenia Simmons-White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Blok, Nancy Pinkerton, Jane Sidwell, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Wanda Mayse, Janice Beach, Cherie Scoggins, Beth Cody

GUESTS PRESENT: Alice Howard, Beth Dennis, Jay

I. CALL TO ORDER – Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Simmons-White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

Ms. Simmons-White welcomed our guests to the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2018 BOARD MEETING

MS. SIMMONS-WHITE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 22, 2018 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID GREEN AND SECONDED BY GREG HALL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 19, 2018 AGENDA

MS. SIMMONS-WHITE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE JUNE 19, 2018 AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY PAMELA BRANDON TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Ms. Simmons asked everyone to sign the Conflict of Interest form.

Ms. Simmons-White asked about new members for the Community Review Teams. Mr. Love explained that the Community Review Team is a group of four or five people that go out and inspect our homes as well as the Day Program and Administration building. They are looking at the condition of the homes, safety issues, and overall cleanliness of the homes. This is done quarterly. He added that we do need more members for the teams. Ms. Russo is on one of the teams and added that there is a form you have to fill out which is just checking a box whether or not the item is done. They check to see if records are locked up and if hazardous materials are locked up. Ms. Simmons-White asked that a list of the Community Review Teams be mailed to the Board so they can see where they are needed so they will know where to volunteer. Ms. Mayse added that this helps us to have things pointed out that we can fix before it becomes a compliance issue.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Budget Update - Ms. Beth Cody said that we are 96% of the way through FY 2018. Revenue is at 84% which includes the fund balance for purchasing the new homes. Personnel is well under budget. Purchased Services are things like electricity, professional services and that sort of thing. SLP is showing 294% but that is where we had to license a new person moving in and we had to pay for things like the Fire Marshall and that sort of thing that is unexpected but we sort them out at the end of the year. The same thing happened with Early Intervention, which was paying for an interpreter. Supplies are under budget except for Breakers and that was for fuel. Capital Outlay is buying the new homes and vehicles associated with the new homes. Specialized Capital Equipment is for the audio equipment for this room which will be installed tomorrow. Mr. Hall asked why the SLP was way over budget. Ms. Cody explained that it was due to licensing a new consumer. It will not be recurring. We have seven people in SLP right now. Ms. Cody checked back and said the other large charge was due to having to pay hotel expenses for the young lady that there was an issue with. Mr. Love added that she has since moved out of the County.

Mr. Love said Monica just returned from vacation and is not able to attend the meeting because she is swamped with other work items. One of our new board members wanted a copy of the law suit. There is a pending lawsuit with DSN and the previous cleaning contractor over the use of consumers. The cleaning contractor was not awarded the contract for cleaning some of the County buildings and he felt there was some unfairness in that. This has been going on for years. None of you will be affected by this lawsuit. The other thing Ms. Spells asked me to convey is that all of you were approved by County Council. Previously Board members were approved by the governor's office. There is still some confusion about this. I'm not sure where that is. It is still being investigated. Ms. Howard added that at the Community Services Board meeting yesterday the County attorney asked that this item be taken off the agenda because he is working with the governor's office about it.

Abuse Investigation – Mr. Love said that there was a complaint of abuse filed by the art teacher who was coming to volunteer in the Day Program. She has been coming for a while and she did a great job. She thought the nurse was abusive to a consumer and filed a complaint. The State and SLED came in and investigated. The investigation has been completed and they did not find any signs of negligence or anything.

My Way, My Choice, My Life at the End - Mr. Love asked the Board for their opinion about educating consumers on making decisions about the end of life, not that they are dying but to empower them with information. Mr. Love has a booklet from California that outlines it. What we want to do is make it part of our curriculum. Each consumer will get a booklet and we will send letters to families asking if they want their loved one to participate. Once we draft the letter we will send it to the Board for approval.

Assistive Technology Usage - Mr. Love said that we are getting a robot to use in Early Intervention with the small kids. It can talk to them and is very personable. The school system has one too. Terry Geitner in the Day Program has been challenged to get ten to fifteen pieces of equipment for the consumers who are not working to be able to use.

Bazaar – Mr. Love said that ABLE has begun talking about the bazaar this fall. It will take some time to get it going and start making money. They made about \$2000 last year, but it is not about making money. It is about getting our name out there so the public are aware of what we do.

Update on ID Cards for Consumers - Mr. Love said the ID cards are about ready to be made. They will have a picture of the consumer and a phone number on it. Someone on the Human Rights Committee said we need to educate the Sheriff's Department and Dispatch about it. Ms. Mayse shared something she experienced in another state. A gentleman walked out of his residence and walked four miles to a convenience store. He flagged down a taxi. He kept pointing and the taxi driver did not know what he wanted so he called the police. The gentleman was able to pull out his card and show him so he took him back home.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Wanda Mayse

Final Rule - Ms. Mayse said that we are still having trainings and going through those. Some things we are eager and doing but others we are dragging our feet on but we know we have to do them and we are doing them. The HCBS Final Rule is a moving target.

Update on Houses - Ms. Mayse said the houses are coming along. The projected date for one is maybe September. We are ready to move to the next phase on the other homes. Mr. Love said the Fire Marshall has signed off on the house at Center and at Waddell. They will be plastered and dry walled sometime this week.

Staffing – Ms. Mayse said we have a number of vacancies. We are still advertising, still interviewing, and still short. Once we move we will need fewer staff so it should work out.

Mr. Love mentioned that we have two staff on the TERI program that will be leaving at the end of June because the program is ending.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis said the listed policies were revised and in effect. She reviewed the policies.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Ms. Russo said she met with Ms. Scoggins prior to the meeting and they are looking at October 25th for the date of the grand opening ceremonies. Mr. Love said he wants to invite the Legislators, County Council, families, Cities of Beaufort and Port Royal to the ceremony.
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Waiting on date for Legislative Delegation meeting.

Mr. Love said Ms. Mayse and Ms. Scoggins are working on a grant for \$300,000 with the state. Mr. Green asked about the replacement for Dr. Buscemi. Mr. Love said they are sending it back out because of the kind of applicants they received and they wanted something different.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Our guest said he is a member of the Human Relations Committee and was present for public comment. He was difficult to follow because of his thought process. Because of this Mr. Love offered to meet with him to get a better understanding of what he was asking of the Board.

Ms. Mayse asked Mr. Love to share the information in the handout that was provided. It talks about the importance of the role of the Board. Mr. Love said it is on page 32 beginning with the first paragraph.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at:

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

X. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION WAS MADE BY GREG HALL AND SECONDED BY GRACE DENNIS TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 19th MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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



Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

8-21-2018
Date



Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

8-21-18
Date