

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
January 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Bukowski, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Gardenia Simmons-White, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, Grace Dennis, David Green, Frankie Middleton, Scott Scobey

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Cherie Scoggins, Janice Beach

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Ms. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

There were no guests at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2018 BOARD MEETING

A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT SO APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WAS TABLED UNTIL THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 15, 2019 AGENDA

A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT SO APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WAS TABLED UNTIL THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

A discussion was had to only have Board meetings every other month. This will be discussed in the February meeting.

March is Disabilities Awareness Month. There is a signup sheet for members to volunteer to attend council meetings to pick up proclamations. This sheet will be emailed to members to sign up.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Proviso Extension – Mr. Love stated that Shannon Erickson has extended the proviso for the Port Royal property. The state is ready to sell Port Royal but does not want the sale to interfere with the daily activities of consumers who are still there when they bring people in to look at the property. Mr. Love told them it was okay to show the home to potential buyers. The last appraisal was about \$875,000.

Mr. Love asked Cherie Scoggins to give an update on where we are with the houses for our residential program. Ms. Scoggins said that the residential team has met and assessed consumers' medical needs, behavioral needs, and functional level so that they can be placed in homes with other consumers with similar needs. Before, we had to place them where there was a bed available. As an example, we are going to have one house that is focused on individuals who have diabetes. It will be better for the consumers and for the staff to have everyone focused on the same needs.

Mr. Love said the water issue at the home on Center Drive has been corrected. BJWSA has to hook it up. We have put furniture in our residences at Waddell and Center. By the end of next month there should be about 8 people moved out of Port Royal. Ms. Spells said the Community Services Committee will meet next Tuesday at 4 pm and discuss the purchase of the lot at 1 Bostic Circle. Last night County Council postponed voting because we have four new County Council members and one of them felt he had not been briefed thoroughly enough to make a decision to vote. Mr. Love said they have poured concrete at Live Oaks.

Summary of Week's Training – Mr. Love said that DSN has training once a month, usually the second full week of the month that covers a number of subjects. He will cover that at next month's meeting.

Activities – Mr. Love said that we have a yoga instructor who is really good. She comes twice a week. Mr. Love has talked to Ms. Spells about changing the hours in the Day Program to 10 am to 6 or 7 pm for consumers that are not working or working internally. Those who are working would remain the same. Mr. Love would like to take the Board members on a tour of the two new homes. We can plan to start the February meeting at 3pm and tour the homes prior to the meeting. An email will be sent to everyone to see if they are available to do that. We are supposed to be closing on Center tomorrow.

Executive Leadership Academy – Mr. Love said that today is the first day of the Executive Leadership training that Wanda Mayse is attending. This is quite an accomplishment. The state is finding because of all the federal regulations we need to keep people educated on what is going on at the state level, what is required to be an effective administrator, budget issues, political issues and that type of thing. They are looking at this as a resource for future EDs. It is a nine month program, one week per month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Wanda Mayse, Absent

Collaboration for Shelter in Jasper County - Ms. Mayse is in training today for the leadership training. Ms. Spells said that a couple of months ago, Beaufort County Council voted to financially support an effort with Jasper County for a shelter (being called a super shelter). It will be located at a former elementary school in Jasper County. It is being designed to include people with special needs – whether an individual truly with special needs or a senior citizen with a pet. Monica, Wanda, and Pamela Cobb, the Beaufort County Disaster Recovery Coordinator, went to a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the Emergency Management Director for Jasper County to discuss our needs. We would transport some of our individuals to the shelter who could take care of themselves once there. In that shelter is a special unit DHEC who would be responsible for designating a space for our individuals. DHEC would staff that area with a DHEC nurse.

Wanda said that information would have to be placed in the individual plan of the consumer.

Mr. Love passed out a brochure about Residential Services. Please critique and email us any changes or suggestions. We will present again next month. Because of Final Rule we put together this brochure.

Mr. Love said we are in the process of hiring one full time LPN and two part-time RNs. The LPN did this work in Virginia and she was very impressive. Our population is demanding more attention. Our former RN, Vera Fields, was scheduled to help with the transition, but declined due to insurance requirements. Mr. Love is confident that the three new nurses we have will be able to handle everything.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis was not present.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo –
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair –
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair –

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

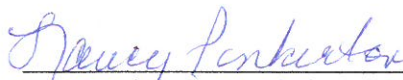
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The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019** at 4:00 p.m. at:

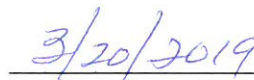
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X. ADJOURNMENT


THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM.



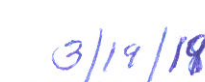
Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman



Date



Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman



Date