

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD

100 Clear Water Way

Beaufort, SC 29906

February 19, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Bukowski, David Green, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Scott Scobey, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, Grace Dennis, Frankie Middleton, Gardenia Simmons-White,

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Beth Cody, Janice Beach

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Ms. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

There were no guests at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2018 AND JANUARY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AGENDA

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

A discussion was had to only have Board meetings every other month. It was decided that the Board would meet bi-monthly.

March is Disabilities Awareness Month. The signup sheet was passed out to members present to remind them of the date and time of the meeting they are to attend.

Ms. Pinkerton said that Ms. Pamela Brandon had her surgery and all went well. She should be back possibly by the April meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Video – Mr. Love said that each of the departments under Monica Spells' supervision were tasked with creating a video to tell about their department. Beth Cody put together the video for DSN. The video was shown to the Board members.

Mr. Love said that the Early Intervention program has grown from 94 children three months ago to 154 children today. This is just within a couple of months.

Mr. Love said that over the past two weeks the state has audited our facilities. They all did exceptionally well, with some scoring 100%. The Day Program was licensed again with only a few minor medical issues, such as expired ointments in first aid kits. The vehicles need new medical packs. The ointments are outdated and we had just bought the first aid kits. That was the only serious issue we had.

Mr. Love said he got a call from Rufus Britt Friday. He said our Early Intervention department is #1 in the state for billing. He said our Case Managers are going to be an issue. Starting July 1 we will bill directly to DHHS. They will compensate us only for what we bill. Right now they give us a lump sum every month but this will change on July 1. There are four categories of billing and they are rated different. Case Managers have got to bill or we will be losing \$150,000-\$170,000 a year. Ms. Mayse is at the Leadership Academy today. She called and said that billing is the top discussion. Case Managers are very capable; we just need to get them to understand the seriousness of this. They have to bill at least four hours per day. I am monitoring closely to see who is billing and who is not. Early Intervention and Case Management are affected right now. Day Program will be next.

Nurses – Mr. Love said that the three nurses have started. We have one full time LPN and two part time RNs. Mr. Love said that he found out that all nurses are not the same. They have certain fields that they specialize in. We brought Ms. Vera, our previous nurse, in to train with them but they still need some help. I am sending two of the nurses to Jasper County DSN to shadow the nurse there to see what they should be doing.

Psychiatrist – Mr. Love said that we are in the process of contracting with a new psychiatrist. We are still finalizing the contract.

Raffle – Mr. Love purchased a ticket to the Beaufort Charities Oyster Roast that he wanted to give to one of the Board members. They give ABLE a percentage of all the tickets we sell for them for the oyster roast. Ms. Spells drew the name from a cup. Mr. David Green was the winner.

Tour of Homes – Once the meeting is adjourned Mr. Love will take the Board members to tour the Waddell and Center homes.

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

Ms. Mayse is at the Leadership Academy training today.

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis was not present. She reported to Ms. Beach over the phone that she had reviewed all the policies listed and they are for our information.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at:

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:47 PM.

Nancy Pinkerton
Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

4-16-2019
Date

Gardenia Simmons-White
Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

4-16-2019
Date