

VIRTUAL MEETING

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
October 20, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Bukowski, David Green, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Gardenia Simmons-White, Andy Thacker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, Grace Dennis, Frankie Middleton, Charles Atkinson (Ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Janice Beach, Wanda Mayse, Beth Cody, Cherie Scoggins, Terry Geitner, Mary Frame

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER – Lynn Russo, Chairman

Ms. Russo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

None present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2020 BOARD MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NANCY PINKERTON AND SECONDED BY WENDY BUKOWSKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WENDY BUKOWSKI AND SECONDED BY NANCY PINKERTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Lynn Russo, Chairman

Ms. Russo said she had nothing new to report.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Mr. Love announced that the County Administrator, Ashley Jacobs, has resigned but it should not make any direct impact on us. Mr. Eric Greenway was appointed as acting County Administrator. Mr. Atkinson was called in to a meeting at the central office so he was unable to attend this meeting.

Bostic Home - Mr. Love said a few staff went to see Bostic recently. It should be ready for occupancy in about one month. There are two sisters who want to move into Bostic. We were supposed to get three houses to replace Port Royal but we got four. Mr. Love said he appreciates the efforts of the Board to make this happen. For the most part all homes are in good shape.

Retreat - Mr. Love said he is looking into having a virtual training to serve as our retreat. He said Ms. Mayse has a professor who is very good and might do a training for us. She is going to call me to schedule a date. I will email you once this is firmed up.

Employment Outreach – Mr. Love said we still have 32 training specialist vacancies in day and residential. Hiring and recruiting seems to be a full time job. I have written a letter and sent it to 100 churches to try to find anyone who might be interested in applying for a job. I wrote an article for La Isla (a Spanish magazine) that will be published in November. Direct care workers need to have one year experience working with disabilities.

DSN PowerPoint Update – Mr. Love asked what everyone thought about the update. Some said it would be hard to read if they printed it because of the dark background but it was very nicely done.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Wanda Mayse

Family Visits - Ms. Mayse said we restricted visitation with families in March. When we reopened there were more cases of COVID so we closed again. Mr. Love has authored a letter about visitation. We are going to allow consumers to have a two day visit with their family members. When they return they will have to quarantine for three days, then take the Covid test. If they test positive they will have to quarantine for 14 days.

We had a death at one of our homes and there was an intense investigation. Nothing we did was wrong. We have our nurse staffing at the houses. There is a vacancy and we will be filling it on Friday. This consumer lived with us before but the family took her home to care for her. Having to file a death report can trigger other reports such as ANE. We do not have a disposition report yet.

We are looking to fill four vacancies at Bostic.

VIII. POLICY/DIRECTIVES COMMITTEE – Grace Dennis, Chair

Mrs. Dennis was absent today.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Wendy Bukowski, Chair – Ms. Bukowski had nothing to report
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing to report
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Nothing to report

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mayse expressed her gratitude to the Board for speaking out for us. It helps to hear from someone besides us.

Ms. Russo asked if anyone knew when we would reopen. Mr. Love said he will check with Mr. Atkinson to see if there is anything new and will email everyone.

Ms. Pinkerton asked about the sale of Port Royal. It sold for \$760,000. That money will come back to the County.

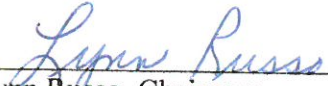
Ms. Frame had the idea to partner with pharmacies to hold a flu clinic for the consumers. All consumers in our homes were vaccinated.

- XI. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at:

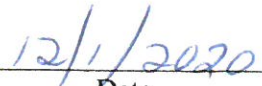
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XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID GREEN AND SECONDED BY NANCY PINKERTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:40 PM.



Lynn Russo, Chairman



Date



Nancy Pinkerton, Vice-Chairman

12/1/2020

Date