

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
June 21, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Bukowski, Priscilla Drake, Lynn Russo, Galen Sturup Comeau, Andy Thacker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frankie Middleton, Nancy Pinkerton, Danielle Quat, Mary Ann Radke, Audra Antonacci (Ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Love, Janice Beach, Darnell Hazard, Beth Cody, Terry Geitner, Cherie Scoggins, Ava White

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER – Lynn Russo, Chairman

Ms. Russo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

There were no guests present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023, BOARD MEETING

A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2023. A MOTION WAS MADE BY GALEN SURUP COMEAU AND SECONDED BY WENDY BUKOWSKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 21, 2023, AGENDA

A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2023. A MOTION WAS MADE BY WENDY BUKOWSKI AND SECONDED BY GALEN STURUP COMEAU TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Lynn Russo, Chairman

Ms. Russo began the meeting by acknowledging Sarah Jefferson (June 13th) and Stevie Washington (June 6th) for 25 years each of service and Beverly White for 5 years (April 2nd) of service at DSN. Ms. Russo also reminded board members to sign their Conflict-of-Interest forms and turn them in.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Bill Love

Mr. Love said each department head is going to give an update of their departments.

A. Department Updates – Cherie Scoggins

Case Management – Ms. Scoggins said we have hired Sharon Dawson. She will be working on cases that do not have waivers. There are about 400 – 500 individuals across the community that need assistance and that is who she will be working with. Four new individuals got waivers this month and about eighteen new people became eligible for

services. We are meeting with those individuals, going into their homes, and talking about the services and how we can help.

Early Intervention – Cherie Scoggins said that Early Intervention is going fine. We potentially have one staff that will be resigning. She has applied for a position with the DOJ. The pay scale is significantly higher.

Summer Camp – Ms. Scoggins said ABLE is funding summer camp. It will be starting Monday, June 26th. Ages 6-12 will attend the first two weeks and 13-21 will attend the second two weeks. It is being held at Beaufort Middle School. We had about 14 individuals total apply for summer camp this year.

Budget – Beth Cody said we are 96% of the way through this fiscal year. Revenue is coming in very well. There are a few gaps due to revenue not officially being posted until it is in the bank. Summer Camp budget looks low because it is split between two fiscal years. Personnel is at 90% and we have one more pay period to go. Supplies and purchased services are something we can control. We are at 86% in total expenditures. We are paid a dollar amount by tiers for individuals. There are four tiers, tier one being the lowest rate. Most of our consumers are tier one. Day Program is paid two units per day. If the individual is not there for the full day, we do not get paid for the unit they were not there.

Nursing – Ava White said infectious disease is low to nonexistent. There were no hospitalizations. Medication management is ongoing for our consumers on psych medications. There has been positive results with the recent medication changes with a couple of our consumers. Our med errors are down. Falls increased from May to June. We never got the Activities Coordinator position filled, but Lisa Jones came to us and offered her services. She is a certified personal trainer, and she does strength training. She is coming to the Day Program two days a week. She also does house visits. She is also willing to work with our SLP ladies. We can already see a difference in regard to increased mobility among our consumers.

Day Program – Terry Geitner said attitude in our staff in the day program is at an all-time high. Every Friday morning there is dancing. We have two new staff coming in on Monday. We have an intern coming in next week for 10 hours to complete something for her master's degree. Our garden is doing great. Overall, the Day Program is doing great.

- B. Vehicle Monitoring - Mr. Love said that vehicle monitoring is going well.
- C. Community Review Teams – Mr. Love said the community review teams are working well. Reviews are done quarterly. Thank you to those of you who are helping with that.
- D. Walking Trail and Pottery room – Mr. Love said the County has begun working on the walking trail and on the pottery room, making it into a meeting room.
- E. HRC Meeting – Mr. Love said the next Human Rights Committee meeting in July will be held at one of the Community Training Homes. They will tour some of the homes then have the meeting at one of them.

- F. Support Group – Mr. Love said he is working on getting a support group started for family members of people with disabilities to have someone to talk to.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Darnell Hazard for Wanda Mayse

- A. Grand Care – Mr. Hazard said we have installed the Grand Care system to help with staffing issues. It can be used for communication with family, for reminders of what they need to be doing, and it can remind consumers to check their sugar levels.
- B. Staffing – Mr. Hazard said we are doing okay with staffing. We still have staff coming and going but we are better than we were. Hurricane season prep bags are being restocked. The residential census is doing well. Consumer falls have increased.

VIII. POLICY/DIRECTIVES COMMITTEE – Frankie Middleton, Chair, Wendy Bukowski, Co-Chair

Ms. Middleton was not present, but there were no directives to review.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Wendy Bukowski, Chair –Nothing to report.
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing to report.
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, VACANT, Chair – Ms. Russo asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be the chair of this committee.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Galen Sturup Comeau asked what the legislative committee does. Mr. Love said we would email the information to him.

XI. The next board meeting will be held on August 15, 2023, at 4:00 PM:

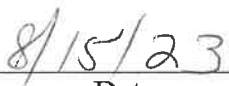
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XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GALEN STURUP COMEAU AND SECONDED BY WENDY BUKOWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:00 PM.



Lynn Russo, Chairman



Date



Nancy Pinkerton, Vice-Chairman



Date