

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD  
100 Clear Water Way  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
January 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Grace Dennis, David Green, Gregory Hall, Anne Hamilton, Marcia Metzger, Frankie Middleton, Nancy Pinkerton, Gardenia Simmons-White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caleb Brown, George Marshall, Lynn Russo, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: William Love, Janice Beach

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Metzger, Dayle Marshall

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman  
Mrs. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS  
Mrs. Pinkerton welcomed our guest, Mr. Metzger, then went around the table and had everyone introduce themselves since we have a few new members.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARCIA METZGER AND SECONDED BY GARDENIA SIMMONS-WHITE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 AGENDA

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 17, 2017 AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY AND SECONDED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH NO ADDITIONS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton did not have any business, so the meeting was turned over to Mr. Love for his report.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Bill Love

Mr. Love started by saying Happy New Year to everyone. This is a great Board and we had a great year last year and we are going to have a good year this year. Mr. Love and Ms. Middleton did some work together last year. He has been friends with Ms. Hamilton for several years. Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Russo do the Community Review for the Bluffton houses.

Mr. Love met with Dr. Buscemi and a group at the state level who talked about three bills. Senate Bill 180 is to make DSN a cabinet level position. Each board will need to let them know if they support it or don’t support it. Some are concerned about not getting the support they need. A cabinet level position will fix that. Sometimes commissioners don’t agree. Mr. Hall

suggested talking to other states that are run by cabinet level positions and see how they feel about it. Mr. Green said that the new Executive Director of Osprey Village was a former cabinet director for the state of Ohio. We can talk to him.

Bill 3324 - This bill is about family members taking care of a loved one and getting paid for it.  
Bill 3117 – This bill is about having cameras in our homes. All houses must have cameras in them in the common areas. We will also have to retain the information for up to one year.

Mr. Love said he will be having interviews for the Deputy Director position on January 30<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to sit in on these interviews let him know. Lynn Russo will participate as Chair of the Personnel Committee. I am also going to ask Rufus Britt from the state to sit in too.

Mr. Love said we want to start doing some community education. Every month we will highlight something, i.e. Special Friends, child taking swimming lessons, etc. We can put it on the County Channel and run it for a month then change it. This is a way to educate our community.

New House Update - Mr. Love said last month he told you we had identified a lot and met with the builders and real estate agent. Everything was good to go. That communication did not get to the builders in time and they started putting things in the house, like tubs. We had told them not to put in tubs. Rather than ripping everything out, they are giving us a new lot and we are going to start over. We are supposed to meet with the architect, the County representative, DR Horton and the real estate person on Thursday and talk about what we need in one of our homes to make it ADA. There is an application the state requires us to fill out when we build a new home. We are going to be meeting with families with individuals living outside of the county to see if they want to return.

Port Royal Update – The Legislators said they need a survey done on Port Royal. The survey was started and should be completed in a week. We have a letter of support from the Port Royal Mayor and the town manager. Once we get the survey and compile the information for the sale of Port Royal everything should be completed. We should have everything for the legislators to make a decision. If they allow us to keep the money from the sale of Port Royal we will build two houses.

#### VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis reviewed the policies/directives listed on the agenda and made a motion to adopt the directives as written. Passed unanimously.

#### 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

Mr. Hall said he had a conversation with a parent who has a child with a new diagnosis who expressed frustration getting help from DDSN.

Mr. Green said that Mike Corbett, who attended a lot of our meetings with him, has moved to Florida to take care of his wife's mother. Jerry Manuel is the interim Executive Director of Osprey Village.

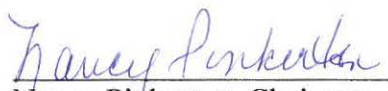
The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at:


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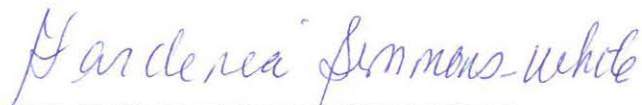
X. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION WAS MADE BY GREG HALL AND SECONDED BY ANNE HAMILTON TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

  
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Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

  
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Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman

  
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