

BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD
100 Clear Water Way
Beaufort, SC 29906
August 15, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Brandon-Hennigh, David Green, George Marshall, Marcia Metzger, Nancy Pinkerton, Lynn Russo, Gardenia Simmons-White, Monica Spells (Ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caleb Brown, Grace Dennis, Gregory Hall, Frankie Middleton

STAFF PRESENT: William Love, Janice Beach

GUESTS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. WELCOMING GUESTS

No guests present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2017 BOARD MEETING

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 20, 2017 MINUTES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY DAVID GREEN TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 15, 2017 AGENDA

MRS. PINKERTON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AUGUST 15, 2017 AGENDA. THE AGENDA WAS ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman

Mrs. Pinkerton stated we need a new board member to replace Caleb Brown. Mr. Love said that Mr. Brown will be moving to North Carolina. There is someone who has applied to be on the board.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bill Love

Mr. Love presented the Board members with a packet of promotional material that was purchased with money from a \$13,000 grant from the state for promoting DSN and retention. We will be using these items as giveaways when we go out to speak at various events. There is a bag, note pad, lip balm, a wrist band, and ink pen. There was someone from the state here last week and our employment turnover rate is less than 11%. Across the state the turnover rate is 30%.

The Legislative Delegation meets August 22 at the Bluffton Library from 9:30 to 11:00. We have two items on the agenda. David Green will thank the legislators for their support of the proviso for Port Royal CRCF. The other item is the letter about Conflict Free Case Management. We will have a parent stand up and read the letter. We just want to inform the legislators of the impact this will have on family members. Ms. Spells added that Josh Gruber, our deputy administrator, reminded her that the proviso states that it is for this fiscal year so when you thank them, thank them for their continued support. She has drafted a letter. Council members have been invited so hopefully some of them will be there.

Update on Homes – Port Royal is a CRCF. The state wants it to be CTHs. We have two individuals who will be going into nursing homes. We are having issues getting nursing homes to take Medicaid. They only take so many Medicaid patients. We are seeing the influence of Secretary Price's position. I went with Deb Regecy, our County contract realtor, to look at properties. We have been going to developments, we are looking at homes we can convert, and we are looking at lots. We have got to educate people about our population.

Riverwalk – We have been talking about expansion at the facility at Riverwalk. We have decided to pull back on that because the numbers are not there. The state has put a lot of emphasis in getting waivers for consumers. People are coming through much quicker now. We wanted to use part of the building as a training facility. 60% of our consumers are working so we have room here. Job sites are doing their own training now. The expenses each month would not justify the number of consumers who would utilize the building.

Bazaar/Retreat – The bazaar is October 14th from 11am to 4pm. We have already got about 15 tables signed up. The tables are \$25.00 each. We will be selling plants and ornaments and things they have made. 104.9 The Surf will be doing a radio broadcast here and playing music. We will have a Snow-cone vendor. Mr. and Mrs. Krebs, who are on the Able Board, are going to pay for a hot dog stand with proceeds to go to Able. There are going to be tables inside the building and outside. We will have face painting, games, soup and chili, all kinds of things. I would like for the Board to make a commitment to be there to welcome everyone.

Medicaid Issues – We spoke a little about this already. ABA is not accepting any more clients because they are not getting paid. A lot of doctors are calling us saying they are not going to take any of our clients anymore. Nursing homes only take so many Medicaid patients. We have developed a relationship with someone on Hilton Head who is a swimmer. He works with autistic children.

VII. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Wanda Mayse

Absent

VII. POLICY COMMITTEE - Grace Dennis

Ms. Dennis was absent. Policies continued to next month.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hospitality Committee, Lynn Russo – Nothing
- Personnel Committee, Lynn Russo, Chair – Nothing
- Public Relations/Legislative Committee, David Green, Chair – Just attending Legislative Delegation meeting next week.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Marshall said this is the Olympic Swim Team's 5th year. Special Olympics in Beaufort County has swimming, bowling, golf, and bocce ball.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. at:

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN RUSSO AND SECONDED BY PAMELA BRANDON-HENNIGH TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 15th MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

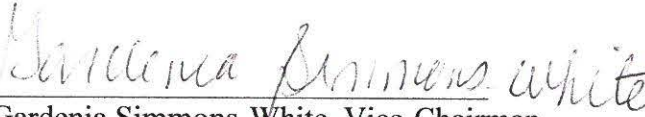
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



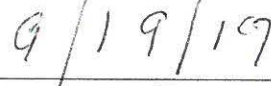
Nancy Pinkerton, Chairman



Date



Gardenia Simmons-White, Vice-Chairman



Date