

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.
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Board of Directors Meeting
April 23, 2019

Members Present: Ray Hearron, Jamaal Jones, James Sanders, and
Dr. Lynne Thompson

Members Absent: Hannah Flemister, Dr. Tim Simon, and Susan Wishard

Others Present: Angie Burton, DeAnna Doherty, and Donna Raney

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lynne Thompson, Board President. It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

II. REVIEW OF REPORTS

- A. Mr. Ray Hearron made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26th meeting. Mr. Jamaal Jones seconded the motion. Minutes approved.
- B. Mrs. Angie Burton presented the financial reports. She handed out cash balances to the Board members present. She first reviewed the December, 2018, financial report with the Board. Mrs. Burton stated that the Agency as a whole, the Monticello Preschool, and Waiver all had increases in revenue for the month, while the Adult Program, Crossett Preschool, and Star City Preschool had losses. She stated that \$28,000 of the Adult Center's loss was due to the remodeling of the center. She stated that the preschool's losses for the month were due to the centers being out 2 weeks at Christmas. She then reviewed the January, 2019 financial report. All components had increases in revenue for the month. Year-to-date, all components, with the exception of the Crossett Center had increases in revenue. Mrs. Burton stated that the cash balances had also increased, due to some billing that had been collected, along with interest from CD's.

Mr. James Sanders made a motion to approve the financial reports for December, 2018 and January, 2019. Mr. Jamaal Jones seconded the motion. Financial reports approved.

- C. Mrs. DeAnna Doherty gave the Enrollment report. She told the Board that between the Preschools, Waiver, and Adult Center, the Agency was currently providing services to 326 consumers, with 42 consumers in other enrollment stages.

Mrs. Doherty stated that the Agency now provided Supportive Living services to 67 consumers through waiver services, as one consumer had recently passed away. She also informed the Board that two consumers from the Adult Center had chosen to go to other programs and that another was currently out due to behavior issues. Mrs. Doherty stated that the Hamburg center had one consumer attending on a billed voucher. She stated that there were actually two Supported Employment consumers now, but that the second consumer was having problems with the funding source.

- D. Mr. James Sanders presented the Consumer Council report. He stated that the Homemakers Extension Club had come this month for a visit and that the consumers had taken a field trip to the movie theater to see the movie "Dumbo." He also told the Board that they had gone to the library, and celebrated the April birthdays.

Before concluding, he showed the Board the local paper, in which he had made front page news, as the paper was doing an article on supported employment. He has been working at War Eagle Boats for some time now, and does very well.

Mr. Jamaal Jones made a motion to approve the Enrollment and Consumer Council reports as given. Mr. Ray Haddon seconded the motion. Enrollment and Consumer Council reports approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty discussed the recent DPSQA licensure review results. She stated that the Agency received a clean review, with no deficiencies noted.
- B. Mrs. Doherty gave the Board a PASSE update. She stated that there had been many billing issues with the PASSES and that she and Angie Burton had been working hard to resolve them. She stated that the time required for a week of billing used to be an hour or two, and that now, one week of billing basically was requiring an 8-hour day to complete. She informed the Board of other issues that the Agency was having problems with, such as receiving payment from billing of the PASSES.
- C. House Bill 1821 was discussed by the Board, which would increase Medicaid reimbursement to providers. Mrs. Doherty stated that the bill passed the house, but then died in the senate; however, this bill has brought a lot of attention to Medicaid reimbursement rates.
- D. Mrs. Doherty discussed bids for cameras at the Hamburg Center. She stated that the Agency had the cameras from the Crossett center, but that additional ones were needed to secure the Hamburg Centers. Mrs. Doherty said the Agency had obtained 2 bids, one from Chris Gill, and the other from Tech Now. She stated however, that the

Agency's IT Director felt that if the Board would consider giving her a little time to research, she could find a cheaper solution. Mrs. Doherty stated there were no cameras currently working at the Hamburg Centers. The Agency's IT person felt that she could run the cables, which would also cut part of the cost. The Board stated that Mrs. Doherty could check with the Agency IT Director to see what she wanted to do. They stated after checking with IT staff, for Mrs. Doherty to contact the persons with bids to see how the bids would be affected cost-wise if the Agency's IT Director ran the cables and they just installed the cameras.

After all information is compiled and final bids are obtained, the Board stated an email vote could be obtained for purchase.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mr. Jamaal Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. James Sander seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.