

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.
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Board of Directors Meeting
February 25, 2020

Members Present: Ray Hearn, Sandy Patrick, James Sanders, and Dr. Lynne Thompson

Members Absent: Jamaal Jones, Dr. Tim Simon, and Susan Wishard

Others Present: Angie Burton and DeAnna Doherty

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. James Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020, meeting. Mrs. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

B. Mrs. Burton handed out cash balances to all Board members present, and stated the numbers looked about the same as they have been. She stated the operating should go up when all the waiver billing was caught up. Mrs. Burton then presented the December financial report. She discussed it with the Board, noting that all components had increases in revenue for the month, as well as year-to-date, with the exception of Hamburg, which had an increase for the month, but had a year-to-date loss of \$20,071. Mrs. Burton then reviewed the EEOC report for the 2nd quarter of 2020. She stated the Agency had a total of 7 new hires, 4 resignations and 2 terminations during the quarter. She then went over the demographic details of each employee. She stated the resignations were due to 2 of the obtaining other jobs and 2 either moving or having personal reasons for resigning. One of the terminations was due to refusing sub work when offered, and the other had multiple policy violations.

After discussion, Mr. Ray Hearn made a motion to accept the December Financial report and EEOC report as given. Mr. James Sanders seconded the motion. Reports accepted.

C. Mrs. DeAnna Doherty gave the Enrollment report.

She stated the Agency was serving as Waiver Provider to 63 consumers.

Mrs. Doherty said the Adult Center was currently providing services to 35 consumers, and that the Agency continued to provide Supported Employment to 2 consumers.

She said the preschools were currently serving a total of 152 children, with 27 children in process, and 10 attending on vouchers or private pay.

- D. Mr. James Sanders presented the Consumer Council report. He stated that the Adult Center had a very busy month. He told the Board that they had a Consumer Council meeting, had celebrated February birthdays, and also celebrated Black History month, and would be going out Friday to eat. Mr. Sanders stated that there were several visitors to the center during the month of February, including the Extension Homemakers Club and a visitor from UAMS that came and talked about Healthy Hearts. He also told the Board that the Adult Center had traveled to Camden for a Valentine dance that the Ouachita Enrichment Center had sponsored, along with volunteering to give out commodities at Holmes Chapel Presbyterian Church.

After discussion, Mr. James Sanders made a motion to approve the Enrollment and Consumer Council reports. Mrs. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Reports approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty gave the program updates. She told the Board that they were working on setting a date for the final hearing for Children's 1-Therapy lawsuit and that the legal team had sent a request to the judge and that they were just waiting on a hearing date and should be getting some information on the date soon.

She stated that on waiver, they were working on transitioning to hourly rates on all the PASSES, and that the Agency had from April 1st to June 30th to get everyone moved over to hourly rates. She stated that the Agency had a webinar with EMPOWER last week and that the next couple of months would be very busy, because all 63 plans would have to be reworked, submitted, and then a PA received, and then someone learning how to do the billing.

She stated on the Adult program, so far, there were no changes.

Mrs. Doherty said the State was looking to make changes to transportation on EIDT and ADDT. She stated that providers were going to be given a choice and could vote one way or another. She stated providers didn't have to provide transportation, but if they did, they had options. One option was using their own fleet of vans, such as the Agency has, and charge per pickup, instead of mileage. The other option was to use public transportation, such as SEAT vans.

- B. Mrs. Doherty gave a report on the Star City construction. She stated that painting, heating and air ductwork, and plumbing were being done, and that it should be completed in a couple of weeks.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. The EEO report was addressed under the Review of Reports.

B. A Guide to Disability Rights Laws handout was included in Board packets and Mrs. Doherty stated that it would count as 1 hour of the Board's required training for the year.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.