

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.  
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Board of Directors Meeting  
May 26, 2020

Members Present: Ray Hearron, Sandy Patrick, James Sanders, Susan Wishard and Dr. Lynne Thompson

Members Absent: Jamaal Jones and Dr. Tim Simon

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. Ray Hearron made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020, meeting. James Sanders seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

B. Mrs. Burton handed out financial graphs and March financials to all Board members present, and stated the cash balances looked about the same as they have been. Mrs. Burton then presented the January, February and March financial reports. She discussed it with the Board, noting the substantial differences between the months were due to the number of payrolls paid during each month. All components had increases year-to-date at the end of March except for Hamburg.

After discussion, James Sanders made a motion to accept the January, February and March Financial reports as given. Ray Hearron seconded the motion. Reports accepted.

C. Mrs. DeAnna Doherty gave the Enrollment report.

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

Mrs. Doherty said the Adult Center was currently providing services to 36 consumers, and that the Agency continued to provide Supported Employment to 2 consumers. Several of the adult consumers haven't returned since the recent re-opening but have indicated they will be returning soon.

She said the preschools were currently serving a total of 139 children, with 20 children in process, and 8 attending on vouchers or private pay. Many of the children

have not returned since the recent re-opening but have also indicated they will be returning soon. Some of the children designated as “in-process” for enrollment are now on hold as no assessments are being done currently by Optum due to COVID-19.

No Consumer Council report was given due to closure of the adult center for COVID-19.

After discussion, Susan Wishard made a motion to approve the Enrollment reports. Mrs. Sandy Patrick seconded the motion. Reports approved.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty gave the program updates. She reported that one waiver consumer had tested positive for COVID-19 but had since recovered and no staff working there had been symptomatic. All centers have re-opened since the COVID-19 closures except for Star City. Star City is scheduled to re-open once the amount of thermometers have been received that are required to operate the center under new guidelines. In addition, the agency applied for and received a Ready for Business Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) to purchase supplies or to make property modifications to operate under new COVID-19 guidance.
- B. Mrs. Doherty gave a report on the Star City construction. She stated that the main delay has been the sprinkler system which has recently been received and installation is in process now. Also, a new water hydrant is to be installed by the City of Star City. The new building would not be able to be licensed by DHS until maybe September when DHS resumes those type services. Mrs. Patrick mentioned we could seek a temporary license at the point the building is complete.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty presented the board with the Title VI program for approval. This document is required for participation in the public transit program. A motion was made by Ray Hearron to approve the Title VI program. James Sanders seconded the motion. Title VI program approved.
- B. The Board discussed the FY 2021 Calendar. A motion was made by Susan Wishard to approve the calendar. James Sanders seconded the motion. Calendar approved.
- C. The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss and approve the Budget for FY 2021.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from executive session having approved the FY2021 budget, then adjourned the meeting.