

Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc.  
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Board of Directors Meeting  
January 26, 2021

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

Members Absent: 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. James Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting. Jamaal Jones seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

B. Mrs. Burton handed out cash balances, graphs and September and October financials to all Board members present. August financials had been sent in board packets previously. Mrs. Burton then reviewed the financial reports. She stated that August only had one payroll so there was an increase in net assets for the Agency of \$329,345.59 for that month. September also had an increase in net assets mainly due to a COVID grant that was received that month in the amount of \$187,000. The Agency increase was \$308,798.84 for September. All components had net asset decreases for the month of October due to having three payrolls that month. At the end of October, all components had year-to-date net asset increases except for Hamburg which had a decrease of \$21,244.38. Mrs. Burton stated that cash balances were down a little due to recent delayed cash collections from some of the PASSEs on waiver billing because of technical issues in their billing programs. James Sanders made a motion to accept the financial information as given. Jamal Jones seconded the motion. Reports accepted.

C. Mrs. DeAnna Doherty gave the Enrollment report.

She stated the Agency was now serving as Waiver Provider to 61 consumers.

Mrs. Doherty said the Adult Center's enrollment was at 37 consumers. Of those enrolled 31 are currently attending. The Agency also continues to provide Supported Employment to 1 consumer.

The preschools have a total enrollment of 92 children, with 18 children in process, and 8 attending on vouchers or private pay. The current attendance total for all preschools is 97 children.

James Sanders gave the Consumer Council report indicating the holidays that had been celebrated since the last board meeting.

After discussion, Ray Hearn made a motion to approve the Enrollment reports. James Sanders seconded the motion. Reports approved.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Doherty gave the program updates. She stated that there is a new ADDT standard requiring vans for those programs to have alarms like the EIDT programs currently have. She also stated that some staff were in the process of getting COVID vaccines as they become available. The Agency is not mandating the vaccines for any employees.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Burton reviewed the Annual Financial Audit report indicating no findings again this year. A motion was made by James Sanders to approve the audit report. Susan Wishard seconded the motion. Audit report approved.
- B. Sandy Patrick gave the report on her site visit to the Hamburg preschool indicating all was good but would like to see repairs made in the future to the parking lot. Mrs. Patrick also reported on her visit to the Star City preschool. She reported the new building was nice but suggested some ground leveling be done in the Spring around the building due to some uneven areas caused by the construction process.

Ray Hearn gave the report on his site visit to the Monticello preschool. He reported everything appeared good but suggested maybe some painting updates in the future. Mr. Hearn also visited the adult development center and had concerns about the toilets and sinks in that building that had excessive rust stains. He made a motion to waive the 3 bid requirement and have Mrs. Doherty find someone who could replace all sinks and toilets in that building during Spring Break. James Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. Mrs. Doherty updated the board on the status of the CARF review. She stated that the review that was previously scheduled in 2020 but was delayed due to Covid issues and is expected to take place virtually in April or May 2021.
- D. Mrs. Doherty reported to the board that the recent minimum wage increase was expected to cost the Agency at least an extra \$300,000 in wage expense for 2021. She stated that unless Medicaid or the PASSEs enact a rate increase in the programs, this extra cost must come from cash reserves. Currently, no rate increase from Medicaid or the PASSEs have been indicated.

### V. ADJOURNMENT