



The Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Members Present

Paul Bell, Chair

Dr. Marie Shepherd, Vice Chair

Denise Key

Katrina Drew

Pastor Milton Blount

Dorescia Paige, Secretary

Absent Members

Margaret Mills

Staff Present

Elaine Breathwaite, Director

Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator

Angela Coleman, Developmental Disabilities Service Manager

Called to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:51pm.

Review Minutes

The board reviewed the December 6, 2017 minutes. Dr. Shepherd motioned for the minutes to be approved. Ms. Key motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.

Director Updates

- Director's updates were presented by Ms. Elaine Breathwaite, the Director.
 - ✓ Ms. Breathwaite introduced Ms. Angela Coleman, the Developmental Disabilities Service Manager – Developmental Disabilities services provides case management services to those in the community with a developmental disability. The goal is to maximize full integration in the least restrictive environment for consumers served. Items discussed:
 - Challenges of more mandated assessments and evaluations, which involves more documentation for case managers
 - Continuous monitoring needed for the consumers
 - Challenges in finding community events, activities and entertainment for consumers
 - Unexpected visit to facilities to check on consumer safety and care
 - ✓ Upcoming events – ongoing Mental Health First Aid training and preparing for Mental Health Summit in the Spring

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- Encouraging family members and city employees to take Mental Health First Aid training
- ✓ Ms. Breathwaite is aggressively researching the discrepancies on the State monitoring registry that is not accurately reporting progress via the data dashboard. All supervisors have been alerted and meeting with staff to review the monthly report
- ✓ VACSB 2018 Legislative Conference will be held on January 16 and 17, 2018
 - Confirmed Mr. Bell and Pastor Blount attendance for the conference
- ✓ Reviewed the agency's newsletter with the board
- ✓ Spoke about the VACSB Annual Report – BHS was featured on the cover

Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

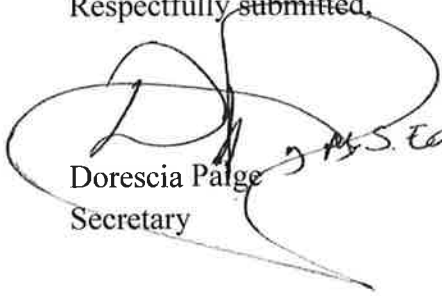
New Business

- Mr. Bell discussed concerns in getting vital information about our agency out to the community.
 - ✓ Ms. Breathwaite informed the members that our agency will be expanding advertisement by exploring:
 - Billboard
 - Bus wrap
 - Movie theater commercials
 - Newsletters
 - Increasing community engagements that focus on suicide awareness, opiate epidemic, and mental health first aid

Next Meeting/Adjournment

Ms. Key motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Ms. Paige motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorescia Paige
Secretary

Ms. Ed, Resident in Counseling