

# PORTSMOUTH

The Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

## **Members Present**

Dr. Marie Shepherd, Vice Chair  
Denise Key  
Dorescia Paige, Secretary  
Pastor Milton Blount

## **Absent Members**

Paul Bell, Chair  
Katrina Drew  
Margaret Mills

## **Staff Present**

Elaine Breathwaite, Director  
LaTonya Williams, Assistant Director  
George Ennels,  
Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator  
Karen Nicely, Clinical Manager – Emergency Services

## **Called to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:42pm.

## **Review Minutes**

The board reviewed the February 7, 2018 minutes. Pastor Blount motioned for the minutes to be approved. Ms. Paige 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. Karen Nicely, the Clinical Manager for Emergency Services – Ms. Nicely reported on the progress of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail (HRRJ) Grant. All staff were in placed from all CSBs by June 30, 2017. Caseloads are manageable and transfers to other cities are efficient. There is hope that the grant be renewed due to the progressive data reports. The discharge process for the inmates enrolled in the C.O.R.E. program:
    - Housing assistance up to 3 months after release
    - Initializing Medicaid and SSI
    - Linkage to other resource are accessible
  - ✓ Board members asked questions about the program and were impressed with the agency's role in the success of the grant and assisting inmates after they are release from HRRJ.

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### **Old Business**

- Ms. Breathwaite informed the members that our agency's billboard will be located on I-264. BHS is working on a bus wrap for opiate awareness.

### **New Business**

- Discussed changing the time for the monthly Advisory Board meetings.

### **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Pastor Blount motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Ms. Key motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorescia Paige  
Secretary