



The Advisory Board held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 1811 King Street, at 4:30pm in Portsmouth, Virginia.

### **Members Present**

Paul Bell, Chair  
Pastor Milton Blount  
Beverly Thomas  
Dr. Denise Key  
Beverly Franklin

### **Staff Present**

M. Elaine Breathwaite, Director  
Cherie Lassiter, Administrative Coordinator  
George Ennels, Program Administrator  
Karen Nicely, Clinical Manager  
Barbara Boland, Opportunity House Program Administrator

### **Absent Members**

Dr. Marie Sheppard  
Dorescia Paige, Secretary  
Katrina Drew  
Antoinette Franklin

### **Portsmouth Resident**

Mr. Bright

### **Called to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:52pm.

### **Review Minutes**

The board reviewed the March 8, 2017 minutes. Dr. Key motioned for the minutes to be approved. Pastor Blount motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.

### **Director Updates**

- Requested board member to attend the VACSB 2017 May Conference held in Portsmouth, VA on May 3-5, 2017.
- Working with HRRJ regarding the grant (progressing)
- BHS continues to hire for several vacant positions. We will continue to interview throughout the month.

### **Program PowerPoint Presentation to Board Members**

#### ***Karen Nicely – Clinical Manager – Emergency Services Program***

- Emergency Services provides 24 hour a day, 7 days a week Emergency and Crisis intervention services to individuals in the City of Portsmouth who are experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis. Services provided can include telephone counseling, face-to-face assessment and crisis counseling, assessment with screening for psychiatric hospital admission and crisis stabilization services.

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- Ms. Nicely spoke about the education required,
- continuing education/training, and qualifications needed to becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- The staff is required to evaluate and communicate with local and state hospitals, courts, jails, and the community for pre-screenings and perform crisis assessments. They receive referrals for consumers through involuntary and voluntary psychiatric care, substance use facilities, hospitals, jails, and many other places.
- Ms. Nicely gave a brief description about Emergency Custody Order (ECO) and Temporary Detention Order (TDO).
- Following assessment, they develop an individualized care plan that prioritizes safety, crisis stabilization, collaboration with outpatient treatment opportunities, aftercare, individual empowerment and an emphasis on patient and family education and support.

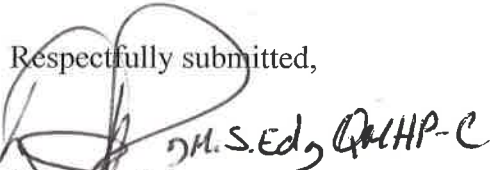
### **New business/Old Business**

- The Opportunity House addressed the board regarding reopening the Canteen. There was a letter signed by all the clients at Opportunity House that was read to the board regarding the Canteen. The project empowered the clients and all funds received from the Canteen allowed the clients to take trips. Chairman Bell motioned to endorse the reopening of the Canteen and to present this information to the City Council. Pastor Blount motioned for the Advisory Board to endorse the Canteen being reopened and Dr. Key motioned for the second and the board majority voted in agreement.
- Chairman Bell discussed that the BHS Advisory Board will be presenting at a City Council meeting in May.
- Advertising and interviews for vacant position are ongoing throughout April.

### **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Our next schedule meeting will be on June 7, 2017. The Chair motioned for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm. Refreshments were made available before and following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Doris Paige  
Secretary